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'Wildly over budget'

Terrace renovation set to cost
\$1,480,541.13; open in December

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The Terrace expansion originally scheduled for completion in September, has been an ongoing project for the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU) and with only positive updates reported to the board of directors up until Oct. 15, it came as a shock to all but WLUSU management that the renovation is \$430,541.13 over budget.

Originally set to cost \$1,050,000 with annual allocated funding from the student life levy (SLL) since the 2007-08 school year, the ongoing construction project to the Terrace is now expected to cost \$1,480,541.13.

According to WLUSU president Kyle Walker, the extra expenditures were given to the union on Sept. 10, though they were not presented to the board until the Oct. 15 meeting to give management time to investigate the project's totals.

"It turns out it was 40 per cent over [what we budgeted] and we weren't notified for over a month afterward," said Chairman of the WLUSU board of directors Kyle Hocking.

"It seems like something you would bring to the board right away because [McMahon] had the bill in his hand and knew how much they were over."

Walker was granted approval by the board for the allocation of \$46,555 from the environmental service fund (ESF), which no longer

collects a green fee from students, along with a line of credit up to \$383,986.13, which will be taken out with the university.

"In a certain way management was holding the board hostage," said Hocking. "We can either stop construction and then we've got this big eyesore on the side of our building or you can approve us spending an extra half a million bucks. That's what it came down to."

"It has to be completed but I think management went overboard," said Oberle, who called attention to the fact that expenses over \$10,000 are considered a capital expenditure and must be brought before the WLUSU board of directors by management for approval.

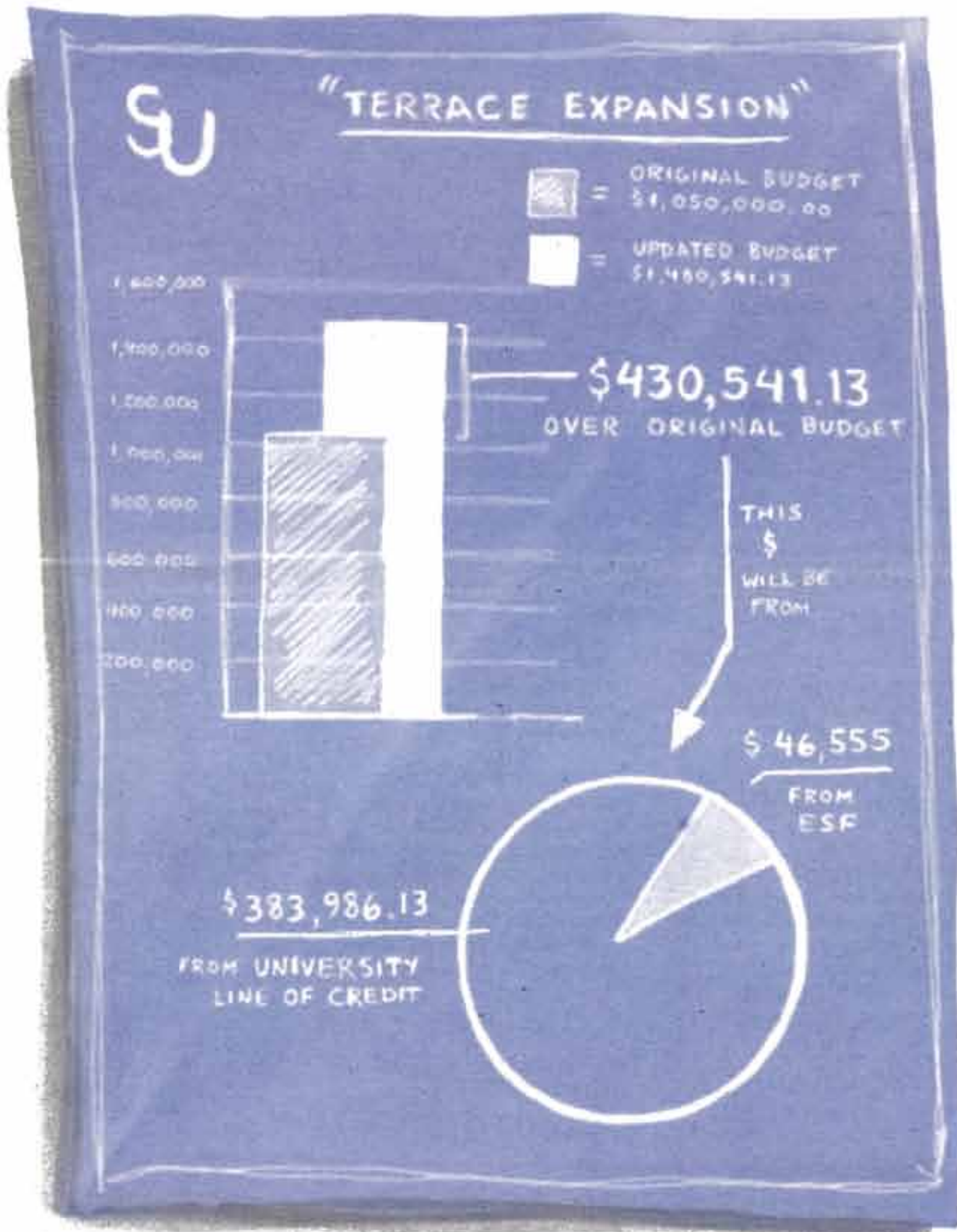
Echoing Oberle's concerns about the magnitude of the funds, director Ted Brown expressed, "Somebody dropped the ball, definitely."

"\$400,000 could be going somewhere else," he added.

Expressing his dissatisfaction with being over budget, Walker assured the board that money to fund the project would come from the businesses operating out of the Terrace such as Union Market and not from students' pockets.

"I'm afraid that money's going to be cut out of student services that students could benefit from," said Oberle, acknowledging Walker's assertion that money would be coming from business revenue.

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WADE THOMPSON GRAPHICS EDITOR
WLUSU has taken out a line of credit with the university to fund the Terrace expansion.



A voter's guide

Your last chance
to get to know the
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Tune in to the Cord Roundtable on Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at radiolaurier.com to hear editors comments on stories and pieces they have written and edited in the issue published that day.

Campus News Editor Mike Lakusik, News Director Linda Givertash and Editor-in-Chief Alanna Wallace will be discussing the expansion to the Terrace and playing clips from the Oct. 15 board meeting which includes the board of directors questioning the over-budgeting of the project.

Bag O' Crime

Suspicious Vehicle

Date: Oct. 17, 2010 @ 9:41 a.m.

Location: Parking Lot #13

SCS Constables spoke with two males found sleeping within a parked vehicle. Both males (non-students) had consumed a fair amount of alcohol the previous evening and had been unable to find a place of residence to sleep. Keys for the vehicle were taken by constables and held until the parties involved were sober.

Disturbance

Reported: Oct. 16, 2010 @ 2:09 a.m.

Location: Residence

Special Constables responded to a residence regarding a report of items being thrown from a window. Occupants of a number of apartments were spoken to but those responsible could not be determined. Residence staff will be holding a meeting with residents regarding the dangers of throwing things from windows.

Unwanted Person

Date: Oct. 14, 2010 @ 11:30 p.m.

Location: Laurier Athletic Complex

A complaint was received about several males on the roof of the A.C. SCS officers attended but were unable to locate the responsible parties.

Unauthorized Soliciting

Date: Oct. 14, 2010 @ 2:07 p.m.

Location: Parking area between Willison Hall & C.H. Little House

A complaint was received about occupants from a Club Sobeyes vehicle aggressively soliciting the students. SCS attended, located and spoke to the responsible parties. The University policy on soliciting was explained to them and they were sent on their way.

Property Damage

Date: Oct. 12, 2010 @ 4:31 a.m.

Location: Unknown

Fresh damage was discovered on one of the SCS service vehicles. Person(s) unknown at an unknown location had purposely dented the trunk.

Alarm

Date: Oct. 17, 2010 @ 6:12 p.m.

Location: St. Michael's Campus

SCS Constables responded to the St. Michael's Campus after receiving a security alarm. Several students were found within the building working in a computer lab. Access to the building was gained through a wheelchair access door which had not been properly deactivated. The students were cleared from the building and the building was properly secured.

Compassionate to Locate

Date: Oct. 17, 2010 @ 4:34 p.m.

Location: Science Building

Assistance was requested of Special Constable Service in locating a faculty member by a concerned family member. The faculty member was located by Constables and informed to contact the family member.

For the rest of Bag O' Crime, check out **thecord.ca**

If you have any information regarding these or any other incidents please call 519-885-3333 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. The Bag O' Crime is submitted by WLU Special Constable Service.

This Week in quotes



“

We have a large amount of money that sort of 'oops' we forgot.”

—Ted Brown, WLUSU director re: the union being \$430,000 over budget for the Terrace expansion

“

I can't speak to what the next president is going to say we need to cut in order to save room to pay for the line of credit interest which I took out this year.”

—Kyle Walker, WLUSU president on how the union will make up the money spent on the Terrace expansion



“We're not adding more food outlets, we're not adding an A&W or anything we're just adding 100 seats.”

—Kyle Walker, WLUSU president re: Terrace expansion

“They both need to be called out.... It's embarrassing for the CIS and it's embarrassing for Laurier.”

—David Montoya re: Laurier football team's forfeit of their win against U of T

“Basically the CIS was arguing on their basic right to make a decision, even if it's a bad one.”

—Peter Baxter, Laurier athletics director re: CIS rule that caused Laurier's forfeit

“A lot of people came here, someone once described it as 'last chance U' in a disparaging way. A lot of people were given opportunities here that wouldn't have gone on to college.”

—David Pfrimmer, dean of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary on the loose admissions standards WLU once had

“We've got our own university and the league we play in costing us games. It's just a big pain in the ass.”

—David Montoya re: Laurier football team's forfeit

CORRECTION

In the Oct. 14, 2010 article “Incidental fees: Pulled apart” it was stated that the EcoHawks budget was \$30,615, when in fact the correct budget is \$4,355. The Cord apologizes for this error.

Vocal Cord

Are you voting in next Monday's municipal election?



“Yes, it's important to use your right to vote.”

—Issy Miller

Fourth year political science



“Yes, we all have a democratic voice that we should make use of.”

—Igor Hoogendoorn

Masters Geography



“No, [but] if it was in front of me I'd do it.”

—Vibishan Iyer

First year BBA



“Undecided, I don't really know the issues and want to be an informed voter.”

—David Light

Fourth year BBA

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The staff of The Cord shall uphold all commonly held ethical conventions of journalism. When an error of omission or of commission has occurred, that error shall be acknowledged promptly. When statements are made that are critical of an individual, or an organization, we shall give those affected the opportunity to reply at the earliest time possible. Ethical journalism requires impartiality, and consequently conflicts of interest and the appearance of conflicts of interest will be avoided by all staff.

The only limits of any newspaper are those of the world around it, and so The Cord will attempt to cover its world with a special focus on Wilfrid Laurier University, and the community of Kitchener-Waterloo, and with a special eye to the concerns of the students of Wilfrid Laurier University. Ultimately, The Cord will be bound by neither philosophy nor geography in its mandate.

The Cord has an obligation to foster freedom of the press and freedom of speech. This obligation is best fulfilled when debate and dissent are encouraged, both in the internal workings of the paper, and through The Cord's contact with the student body.

The Cord will always attempt to do what is right, with fear of neither repercussions, nor retaliation. The purpose of the student press is to act as an agent of social awareness, and so shall conduct the affairs of our newspaper.

Quote of the week:
“There's a quaternity for you”
—World Editor Alex Mitsopoulos re: philosophy

NEWS

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Faculty look at large classes

BREE MANTHA
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Larger class sizes are a reality for almost every university and Wilfrid Laurier University is no exception. However, WLU is using various strategies to cope, both from a teaching and administrative perspective.

The educational development department at Laurier has launched a community of practice (COP) consisting of staff and faculty from multiple disciplines discussing their experiences with larger classes who will meet every three weeks through the year.

Educational development manager Jeanette McDonald said that it's impossible to define what a "large" class is, because all professors have experience with different numbers of students. "Fifty students could be large to some faculty," McDonald explained. "They could be used to teaching ten in a seminar setting. 450 could be large for another person."

In most cases, "large" was not quantified according to McDonald, who said the stage at which faculty felt their classes were getting large was "when they no longer knew students' names."

With every professor experiencing different changes, the COP is a place for them to share those experiences. "[They talk about] different issues or challenges or things that have worked well in a larger class setting," McDonald said of the discussions.

One practice that educators have tried over the school year has been the Open Classroom Series. The



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Professors are collaborating to cope with the larger classes the university sees each year.

purpose of these observations is for educators to sit in on lectures and observe their colleagues' methods of teaching in large classes to examine different strategies.

As registrar, Ray Darling deals with feedback related to class sizes. From an administrative standpoint, Darling feels that there were more problems last year – a sign that things may be stabilizing and that Laurier may be adjusting to increased enrolment.

"Some of the courses that we had issues with were... intro to communication studies courses, intro to math courses," he explained. Darling felt that those two classes were the only major problem areas. "We had a few more last year. English and history were some issues as well

last year, but we didn't hear as much about those."

Nevertheless, the university has had to deal with several issues concerning final exams, especially for first-year classes.

"Some of the issues we're having with [introductory psychology classes] are that they've switched from a full-year course to a half-year course," Darling said. "Suddenly there are more final exams in the fall term than there had been in the past."

Darling explained that this has been part of the cause for scheduling final exams on Sundays this semester.

Darling admitted that there has been increased enrolment, but doesn't see this as a cause for worry.

"When we set targets, they're actually November 1st targets, because we report our students to the government then and we get funding for them."

Darling observed that between May 28 (the response dates for new applicants) and Nov. 1, WLU loses between six and seven per cent of students, and that the registrar's office anticipates this drop. "Last fall, it looked like we were hundreds over, and it ended that we were about fifty students over... hopefully that will hold true for this year."

Darling also does not foresee enrolment increasing in the 2011-2012 year at the Waterloo campus.

"Our planned growth is at Brantford from this point forward," he said.

News in brief

Land for Milton campus secured

The town of Milton finalized a land-swap agreement last week with Mattamy Homes in order to gain possession of 150 acres outside of town, the proposed site of the Milton Education Village, which would include a satellite campus of Wilfrid Laurier University.

The university is still in the process of securing provincial funding that would allow the development of the site, though securing the land is seen as beneficial for the university's funding proposal.

There has been a memorandum of understanding between the university and Milton since 2008 that a campus would be developed in the area if criteria such as land are met.

Hundert accepts bail, claims he was threatened

Laurier alumnus Alex Hundert and alleged G20 protest organizer, who has been detained since September on charges stemming from his participation in a panel at Ryerson University that violated his bail conditions, accepted new bail conditions last Wednesday evening.

He had initially refused the new bail conditions due to their severity but his family has stated that he was threatened with solitary confinement if he did not accept the conditions and then released from jail in the middle of the night.

The conditions stipulate that he not speak with media, nor plan, participate in or attend any public event that expresses views on a political issue.

—Compiled by Mike Lakusiak

Centennial celebrations officially kick off

1911: Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada founded

1957: University of Waterloo opened by Waterloo College staff

2010-11 WLU celebrates 100 years, now with thousands of students at four campuses

1925: Faculty of arts begins in affiliation with the University of Western Ontario

1973: Waterloo Lutheran University becomes provincially-funded Wilfrid Laurier University

MIKE LAKUSIAK
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Monday was the official launch of Wilfrid Laurier University's year-long celebration of its centennial including events in the Concourse for students and Turret for faculty and staff.

The events of the year to come were introduced, as were centennial-specific initiatives, a centennial website and the massive plastic banners that appeared on campus buildings Saturday morning.

Along with more centennial decorations in the months to come, the campus will see a new statue of the university's namesake, there are lecture series scheduled and Laurier's history will be celebrated in a play written by English faculty member Leslie O'Dell and a commemorative book written by history department professor Andrew Thompson. The centennial year will be wrapped up with an opera concert gala October 30, 2011 featuring renowned Laurier music graduate, soprano Jane Archibald.

"I think we need to celebrate more, what this does is recognize tremendous achievement and

history and involvement and commitment and community," said David McMurray, VP of student affairs at the event in the Turret. He pointed to the significance of drawing attention from beyond Laurier's community to the university's hundredth birthday. "I think Laurier needs to have a stronger outward identity to the community because from my perspective I think there's a lot to be said of the qualities of the people who are here and the students who graduate."

McMurray discussed the 100 full entrance scholarships that are being implemented this year which incoming students can apply for and pointed to the volunteer challenge put forward encouraging students and others from Laurier to commit to 100 hours of volunteering before Oct. 30 2011.

He listed civic engagement as among the "quintessential qualities of a Laurier graduate" and an important component of the university's identity. "We need to bundle and package that identity."

Tom Buckley, assistant VP of academic services at Laurier, expressed a similar sentiment around Laurier's identity. "We're pretty modest as an

institution," he said. "There's some really cool stuff going on here and hopefully things like this will help shake us out of that modesty."

"Some might argue it's symbolic," he shrugged, adding that this year provides an opportunity to examine Laurier's past and look forward.

Laurier president Max Blouw spoke to those assembled in the Turret, emphasizing that the university has qualities that set it apart from its counterparts, qualities that will be showcased and promoted in the coming year.

"This increasing focus on areas that define our excellence is welcome and will enable the university to carve for itself a clear niche among other Ontario and Canadian universities," Blouw said. "Our time has arrived and the next century is one of wonderful potential and possibility."

After, he echoed what others had said about perceived modesty on the university's part. "I think that Laurier has been a bit shy about trumpeting just how good it is," he said. "We're going to change that this year and it's an opportunity that's been provided by our birthday but we would have been doing it anyway."



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Steve Farlow (left), executive director of the Schlegel Centre for Entrepreneurship, looks at WLU's history in photos.

For more stories on Laurier's centennial celebrations, check out thecord.ca/news

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What to do with psych...?

ANTHONY HASLAM
CORD NEWS

There's a point in every student's career when they need to sit down and really think about what they're doing in university.

Students may ask why they are here at university, what they are supposed to do after graduation and whether that degree will really help them find a position in their field. With these questions in mind, Wilfrid Laurier University has started special lectures designed to assist in addressing student concerns. The Oct. 15 lecture "Psychology Degree: Now What?" was the first in the "Life After Laurier Science" series.

Guest speaker Lise Côté, senior director of market planning and consumer service marketing at Rogers communications offered her time and experience to students considering career options in the

field of psychology. "I think having a psych degree is great," she insisted. "It absolutely applies to different opportunities."

Côté has spent twenty years in marketing and relationship management roles with Sprint, Rogers, American Express, Altimira and CIBC, and said that each offered different challenges and learning experiences. While she was in attendance to speak about psychology specifically, she was quite adamant about students accepting volunteer positions.

"It gives you practical experience if you can't find a paid position and Laurier has a great reputation for volunteerism in the community," she said.

Matt Vinski, a third year environmental studies major, decided to give psychology a shot, but realized it may not have been a proper fit for him. "The class was interesting," he

said, "but I'm not sure it would be overly helpful in my field."

When asked about his plans for after graduation, Vinski expressed uncertainty. "I honestly don't know what I'll do," he said. "Getting your BA is pretty standard nowadays and employers don't necessarily consider it to stand out as much as it might have in the past, but a combination of volunteering and internship related to your career would obviously be beneficial," he added. "You're just going to need that degree either way."

"I think you really need to know how to sell a psychology degree," Côté explained. "For me, it was about understanding marketing and the consumer, their motivations or understanding why it's important to deliver a certain message; that's how I sold it."

SBE prof to edit major publication

OLIVIA NIGHTINGALE
STAFF WRITER

Wilfrid Laurier University finance professor Brian Smith was recently named associate editor for *The Financial Review*, an academic journal that focuses on a wide variety of financial topics.

As the only Canadian on a panel of about twenty editors from around the world, Smith will be responsible for submissions pertaining to topics including insider trading. *The Financial Review* is recognized as among the best financial journals. "This will bring international recognition for Laurier," he explained.

The appointment to editor of the *The Financial Review* is yet another

accomplishment Smith can add to his already impressive résumé.

During his time at Laurier, he has been a driving force in the establishment of the Laurier Financial Research Centre as well as the Laurier Student Investment fund. Smith is also co-ordinator of the finance department of Laurier's School of Business and Economics (SBE).

When asked how his new position at the financial journal would affect his role at WLU, Smith was confident that there would not be conflict. "This will not interfere in my involvement at Laurier," he said.

Dean of the SBE Ginny Dybenko, is incredibly excited that Smith will be representing Laurier through work at such a prestigious journal.

Although there are an impressive number of professors from the SBE who contribute work to such publications, there is a great deal of pressure to gain further recognition for the school.

Dybenko explained, "Laurier has been putting a lot of effort to build up our research capability and our graduate program."

With the push to attract students to business programs becoming increasingly competitive between universities, Dybenko stated, "It is important that Laurier is viewed as being an important contributor to financial journals, as it will add to the value of the BBA, MBA and other Masters degrees from the university."



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Members of the WLUSU board are given a tour of the Terrace site.

Delayed until Dec. 3

—cover

"It's not really a case of the money, it's being aware of what we're spending and not being put in the position where we have to approve a loan," said director Chris Walker, finding a problem in the way the issue was addressed more than the cost itself.

The unforeseen costs include a plumbing retrofit, electrical upgrades and the construction of a mechanical room. WLUSU general manager Mike McMahon explained that these additions were realized in the spring when the site was reviewed for construction.

"The university found that the plumbing system [in the Terrace] was not only vastly undersized for the mode that we're using for it but they also questioned whether it would comply long-term with the safe operations in the food area," explained McMahon.

Brown was not satisfied with management's explanation that some of the additions were unforeseen. "I think it's a bit of an oversight to not realize that we didn't need a custodial room and an electrical room," he said, referring to the mechanical room that will be within the new seating area.

Explaining the conditions of the


SLL, McMahon said that early considerations of expanding Union Market once the new seating area was in place would have needed independent funding, as the SLL doesn't include improvements to business operations.

The same approach would be necessary had the current project been within budget, as the plumbing for example, is an improvement to the business operations. "As it turns out all the student life levy money was used properly and the overage that we're left with is properly dealt with by the businesses," said McMahon, "so ethically I am very happy with where we ended up."

Many board members, including Hocking and current director Chris Oberle, were shocked that the over budgeting and additional projects in the existing area of the Terrace had not been brought to the board's attention.

Considering how to prevent a similar situation in the future, McMahon said, "I look at it as an opportunity missed for student experience where we could have had a committee of the board working more directly with the contractor."

"Some students will have a full career and never have the opportunity to get involved in a project like this," he said.



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The name for Laurier's centennial beer was chosen as "1911 Centennial Ale"

Seminary looks ahead after a century

MIKE LAKUSIAK
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

When the first educational institution opened its doors at what is now the main campus of Wilfrid Laurier University in 1911, that school was the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada, in its first year training four students toward becoming pastors. Today, a public university, the campus holds nearly 15,000 students.

"Right here is essentially the birthplace of two universities," said David Pfrimmer, current dean of the seminary, making note of the University of Waterloo's creation in the 1950s as a non-denominational alternative school begun by WLU staff.

At today's WLU, Pfrimmer said that there is still a deep affiliation between the seminary and the larger university.

Since 1973 the seminary has been a federated college of Wilfrid Laurier University, the provincial post-secondary institution that has provided the basis for expanding its general course offerings.

Some graduate students take courses at institutions and the seminary is actively involved in certain areas of Laurier including cooperation with the faculty of music and a lecture series that draws a number of students from the university.

Pfrimmer noted that the perception of the seminary among students and elsewhere on campus is

"If you think about a lot of what happens in the university even today, memories fade, but the DNA is still there."

—David Pfrimmer, dean of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary

less defined. "Here today people don't naturally think the seminary is connected somehow."

The seminary currently offers graduate level instruction in spiritual care and counselling, a discipline that examines the link between spirituality and emotional well-being, along with theological education.

The seminary's assistant principal, Kristine Lund, said, "One of the challenges on the connection with the university is that we are currently a graduate school only." She explained that the institution is examining undergraduate courses it could offer to be developed over the next few years.

"We're looking at going back to our original roots where we did have undergraduate courses."

Especially as the centennial



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Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, now a federated college, began what is now Laurier a century ago.

celebrations are underway, Pfrimmer said it is important to examine how the seminary influenced the development of Laurier in terms of the university's approach to certain things and the character it prides itself on. "In a sense if you think about a lot of what happens in the university even today, memories fade, but the DNA is still there," he said.

"Why do we have such an emphasis on helping like with Shinerama for example, in music therapy, in social work?" he asked, adding

that even Laurier programs like its business school take a different approach than other institutions. "There's a very human quality about all of this, about serving others as an important function," he said, pointing to the trajectory Laurier took from its roots in the seminary.

With such a focus on the direction Laurier is heading in for the future during the centennial celebration, Pfrimmer explained the seminary's goals moving forward.

"I think what we're thinking now is what is the next step to

reappropriate a place here," he said. "For a long time, and this was self-imposed, we thought of ourselves as a theological school that trains clergy. Now we're thinking more about how we shape leaders for the future, Canada and the world."

Lund agreed, emphasizing the hope for more collaboration between the seminary and university it founded in years to come.

"There is desire from both sides, from us and the university to keep looking for ways to look together," she said. "Everybody benefits."



SEAN POLLOCK STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kirsten Yri of the faculty of music examines medievalism in music.

TARYN ORWEN-PARRISH
STAFF WRITER

For years, Wilfrid Laurier University music professor Kirsten Yri has been fascinated by the presence of medievalism in popular music. Her research entitled "Medievalism in the Popular Musical Imagination" focuses on how the Middle Ages are interpreted by and represented in popular music.

"There are actually a fair number of bands from the 1960s, '70s and '80s who flirt with medieval styles," explained Yri, including artists such as Black Sabbath and Enya.

Yri said that medieval-inspired musicians rely on unfamiliar musical techniques in order to convey a particular feel. "[The musicians] are rejecting tonal schemes and relying on old modes to make the music seem as if it dates from the past," she said.

The final part of Yri's research studies medieval-inspired music in film with a focus on composer Howard Shore's work in *Lord of the Rings*.

"Film composers structure sound in careful and plotted ways...if you really listen, you'll hear that Howard Shore carefully composed different music for the different races [of elves] in *Lord of the Rings*."

Yri is also interested in deciphering the ideologies that lie behind such medieval reconstructions. She explained, for example, that heavy metal bands such as Black Sabbath and Led Zeppelin may use medievalism as a negative commentary on society.

"They use archaic modes to communicate the idea that something is missing in contemporary life [whereas] some techno bands include monk chanting, which is maybe meant to symbolize spirituality," she said adding that the musician's

comment may be earnest or ironic.

Ultimately, Yri hopes that her research will impact both academic and non-academic audiences as both have interacted with medievalism differently. Academia is responsible for the faithful reconstruction of medieval music, whereas members of popular music culture have reinterpreted medieval music and its themes.

"I want to show that uses of medieval music in popular culture and performances of medieval music often share overlapping ideologies... [and consider] the messages behind these particular reconstructions in terms of ideology."

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Electric vehicle focus at UW

Private and government funding makes the WatCAR a possibility

MIKE LAKUSIAK
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The electric car of the future is closer to becoming a reality at the University of Waterloo (UW) as government and private sector funds are contributing to continued research and development at the university's Centre for Automotive Research (WatCAR).

Announced on Oct. 15 was \$3.5 million in funding from the federal government, part of a \$10 million research project in electric cars underway at the university which will continue for the next five years. The remaining funds come from a provincial grant and private firms General Motors (GM) Canada and Maplesoft, a local software company.

"The funding of the government is absolutely crucial here," said executive director Amir Khajepour, a mechanical engineering professor who leads the team of researchers and students at WatCAR. Khajepour explained that the funds will contribute to electric vehicle research including the recent developments and focus on the use of lithium-ion batteries. "The focus will be on modeling the controls, battery management and monitoring of batteries," he said, noting that vehicle safety and stability dynamics are also being examined.

"I think we are just at the start of many years of development," he added. "There is still a huge amount of work to be done in order to make the [electric car's] reliability high enough, make the system as cost-effective as possible and make it at least comparable to conventional cars." According to Khajepour, eight to ten researchers and 30 or 40 students will contribute to this work.

Peter Braid, Member of Parliament (MP) for Kitchener-Waterloo, pointed to the university's program as being at the forefront of research and development in electric cars in Canada. "It's the largest automotive research centre in the country and there's significant expertise there," he said. "Why it's so important to support those activities is because it leads directly to the creation and commercialization of new technology which allows our auto industry to continue to be innovative and position it for the future."

GM corporate communications manager Jason Easton spoke about the increasing auto industry focus on electric cars. "This presents a good opportunity to perform some of that type of necessary research right here in Canada," he said. Technologies developed at WatCAR will include collaboration with GM including further testing at GM facilities using the company's resources.

"We are enabling the students and staff working on these projects to be right there involved in the vehicle development process so that if some of these technologies they're developing become commercially viable they can be brought to market easier and quicker," Easton said.

The federal government has contributed \$145 million towards new automotive technology over the next five years, including the funds announced Friday. Braid emphasized the role electric cars stand to hold, especially as production models including GM's Chevrolet Volt (an electric car with a gasoline engine that operates when the battery is depleted) in the next few years. "Canadians are telling us that this is technology they want to see further developed in the auto sector."

Braid added, "As we deal with this issue of climate change and want to find and support ways to dramatically decrease greenhouse emissions, this is an extremely important project."

Khajepour said research at UW is gradual but has already made major steps forward. "It's not something at the end of four years we'll have everything ready," he said. "It's a work in progress so as things get mature and completed at the school GM will take it and move on to the next stage."



MEGAN CHERNIAK PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

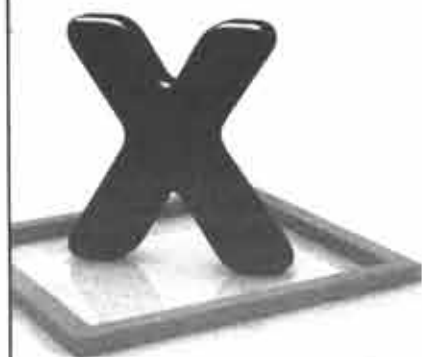
The \$10 million project run through UW's Centre for Automotive Research is at the forefront in development for industry in Canada.

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Other Ish & Chips menu items include falafel, gyros and Philly cheese steak

The new village

MacDonell owners move Uptown

LINDA GIVETASH
NEWS DIRECTOR

Opening just last summer in Waterloo's Uptown, Ish & Chips has proven that its owners and menu can't shake its village roots.

"It's homemade, it's good, it's something that you're not going to get elsewhere," said Kamil Mytnik, who manages the media and marketing and is also the son of the restaurant's owners John and Barbara Mytnik.

The restaurant began its legacy as MacDonell Village, on MacDonell Street in Guelph in the mid-1990s. With the growing success of the business the Mytniks decided to open a second location in Waterloo and a third location in Gravenhurst. However managing all three locations became too much for the family and they reduced their business to the Waterloo location across from Laurier's campus.

"We had a pretty good client base closer to the end last year; we closed in May 2009," said Mytnik, citing the student population for being their predominant source of business. "A lot of students were really sad to see us go."

With their lease running up at the King and University plaza and talks of a potential condominium replacing the site entirely, Mytnik said his parents decided that closing up



MEGAN CHERNIAK PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

With menu items under \$10, Ish & Chips becomes a local favourite.

and moving on was the best route to take.

"We also wanted a change. We didn't like our name and we didn't think the decor was up to par," he explained.

The new location at 37 King St. N. provided them with a clean slate. Mytnik explained that the interior of the store was designed entirely by his mother Barbara, taking advantage of the creative opportunity.

Mytnik went on explaining the sleek design, stating, "What's even more interesting is that while she did the design of it my dad did the production of it, he handmade everything." Looking at the large wooden counters and tables and faux brick walls, the dedication and work put in to the project can truly be appreciated.

"I think people really appreciate when smaller businesses go the

extra mile to make a presence, not just through aesthetics but the quality of the product as well," expressed Mytnik.

Competing with the impressive aesthetics of the store is the familiar menu featuring a variety of fresh items. True to the restaurant's name, fish and chips, whether it's cod or haddock, is consistently the most popular on the menu.

The Village Burger, according to Mytnik, comes to a close second however. "We get the meat straight from the butcher shop in St. Jacob's market and then we make it ourselves," he added, justifying its popularity.

Looking ahead, Mytnik said that along with establishing its presence in the Uptown community, Ish & Chips also hopes to regain the student clientele.

"Hey, we're back," he said.

KW in brief

Two awards for local mall

The International Council of Shopping Centers has granted Conestoga Mall two awards for their \$75 million expansion, which took about four years to complete.

The *Waterloo Chronicle* reported that the mall won a gold award for renovation or expansion of an existing project and a silver award for excellence in marketing for a grand opening, expansion and renovation.

Conestoga mall added 30 stores, two restaurants, an all new food court and an in-mall museum which totals more than 130,000 sq. ft.

Sandra Stone, general manager at Conestoga Mall, said that they are honoured and proud to be acknowledged for their expansion/renovation project.

New foster homes a priority

The demand for foster families is growing as the region only has 300 foster families with a demand of approximately 500 children.

According to *The Waterloo Region Record*, the week of Oct. 17-23 is National Foster Family Appreciation Week. This gives Family and Children's Services an opportunity to spread the word about the need for new homes.

A foster parent's role is to care for children from infant to age 16. Foster families have preference on the children's ages as well as how long they can care for them.

There will be an information night on Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. for anyone who might be interested in becoming a foster parent.

Crash involving buggy could have been deadly

A crash on Oct. 17 involving a horse-drawn buggy has left two children with life-threatening injuries and their parents also injured.

The crash occurred near Hawkesville on Kressler Road when a north-bound car struck a buggy from behind, ejecting the passengers from the buggy.

The four-year-old boy and two-year-old girl were airlifted to a hospital in Hamilton while the mother and father were transferred from Grand River Hospital to Hamilton by ambulance.

According to *The Waterloo Region Record*, the driver of the car, 19-year-old Dakota Adams of Listowel was charged with two counts of dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing bodily harm.

New service launched by KidsAbility

Oct. 12 marked the day that KidsAbility announced the launch of a new service called Firefly Therapy.

Many families are in need of therapy for their school-aged children and have expressed their desire to access them through the organization.

This program addresses the growing needs of children and youth who are no longer eligible for government funded therapy and makes it available through KidsAbility's rehabilitation services.

According to *The Waterloo Chronicle*, the service will offer speech and occupational therapy, which include one-on-one, small group and skill-based therapy groups.

—Compiled by Miranda Edgar

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Canada in brief

Student groups unite against Quebec tuition increase

MONTREAL (CUP) — Quebec students won't take the newest provincial budget cuts to education and social services without a fight.

On Oct. 13, Concordia University's students' union hosted a panel discussion on alternative ways to keep education costs accessible in Quebec. Members of the Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec, l'Association pour une solidarité syndicale étudiante, the Quebec Students' Roundtable and Free Education Montreal discussed the dangers of an end to the tuition freeze in 2012. Together, the four organizations represent the interests of over 200,000 post-secondary students in the province.

Concordia's panel session to encourage participation in the student movement gathered a meagre 50 students. A common criticism of the campaign to keep tuition frozen is that Quebec already has the lowest fees in Canada. Incidentally, it also has the highest registration rates.

—Irina Gabner, the Link

Alberta has lowest post-secondary participation rate

EDMONTON (CUP) — Alberta has the lowest post-secondary participation rate of all provinces in

Canada, with only 17 per cent of 18- to 34-year-olds enrolling in 2009.

The Advanced Education and Technology annual report published the numbers, also saying the government is creating a "culture of learning." However, according to Donna Chovanec, an associate professor with the University of Alberta Department of Educational Policy Studies, the government has not made accessibility to education a priority.

Alberta's boom-and-bust resource economy has a significant impact on participation rates, with the lure of high wages in jobs that don't require post-secondary education. The transition rate from high school to post-secondary, measured ten years after students enter grade 10, is only 68 per cent, meaning that many students choose to enter the work force and not enter post-secondary at all.

—Mike Dickson, the Gateway

Groups demand UBC disclose animal-testing practices

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Stop UBC Animal Research Now has submitted a letter calling on the University of British Columbia to "fully disclose information about its animal research program."

The letter, signed by 60 animal

advocacy groups from Canada, the United States and Europe, including People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, the Animal Alliance of Canada, the Vancouver Humane Society, the UBC Social Justice Centre and the UBC Veggie Club, was sent to university president Stephen Toope on Oct. 11.

In a letter to the *Vancouver Sun*, Clement Gauthier of the Canadian Council on Animal Care said that UBC "was recently assessed by the council's external peers, including public representatives and was in compliance with council standards." He also argued that, in general, animal experimentation has been decreasing substantially.

—Arshy Mann, the *Ubysses*

School nurses could have prevented gay suicides: prof

MONTREAL (CUP) — Deborah Dysart-Gale is urging school nurses to take more of a role in preventing bullying, saying they have a responsibility for the mental well-being of students. In the case of the American teenagers, the administration did not know how to handle the situation, she said. That is where school nurses can come in and provide the schools with expertise along with a staff member who is available to the students.

—Renee Giblin, the *Concordian*

National literary award shortlist announced

Governor General's nominees include 70 authors, 45 of which are women

MEGAN RAFTIS STAFF WRITER

"It is one of the longest running and earliest established literary awards in Canada," explained Tanis MacDonald, an associate professor in Laurier's English department, regarding the Governor General's literary awards. Canada's literary best have made the list of finalists for the 2010 awards, which was released on Oct. 13.

The award was established by author John Buchan, the Lord Tweedsmuir and 15th Governor General of Canada in 1937.

"The award is turning 74 years old this year," said Maura Caristine, of the Canada Council for the Arts, which took over administration of the Governor General's award in 1957, when winners began to receive money along with the award. "There were 1,702 eligible books that were submitted for this year's awards, which is 161 more than last year."

Of those, 70 finalists were chosen and 14 will win across five categories of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, drama, children's literature (text and illustration) and translation.

"Half of the finalists on the list are there for the first time," says Caristine. One of those first-time nominees is Kitchener native and University of Waterloo professor, John English. The author, who had a career in Canadian politics, is nominated for his second volume in his ongoing chronicle of Pierre Trudeau's life, entitled *Just Watch Me: The Life of Pierre Elliott Trudeau, 1968-2000*.

The book is up against four others in for the English-language non-fiction prize, which includes offerings by writers from Toronto and Saskatoon.

Top winners in each category receive \$25,000 and each finalist takes home \$1,000, courtesy of the Canada Council for the Arts. But winning the award means more to an author than just financial gain.

"Looking at those who have won it multiple times, Alice Munroe, certainly Margaret Atwood...and Michel Ondaatje...winning [the Governor General's Award] can often be a precursor to winning bigger international awards," suggested MacDonald. "Even though its no longer the most monetarily lucrative award — that's the [Scotiabank]

Giller Prize — it remains the most prestigious."

Explaining the process in which nominees are chosen, Caristine said, "Canada Council appoints a peer assessment committee for each category, seven English and seven French and they choose the finalists from the submitted nominees." This year, 962 English titles and 740 French titles were nominated.

"Novels tend to get nominated more than short stories and there's a general feeling that that's because short stories aren't respected as a genre, but I don't know that that's true...There is some politics involved in the selection, big publishing houses can afford to nominate more books."

It ultimately comes down to the taste of the three-person peer jury who makes the final selections.

"I think it's interesting that there's four women and one man on the [English language fiction] list," said MacDonald. The list as a whole contains more than twice as many female nominations, with women taking 45 of the available 70 slots.

Female authors seem to be getting a lot of attention in Canada right now. Kathleen Winter's *Annabel* was nominated for the Governor General's award, the Scotiabank Giller Prize and the Writer's Trust Award this year. "That's considered a great literary coup. When awards season comes around, these are the things everyone is talking about."

Who will win in any of the categories is impossible to guess. There is no one type of book that always wins. "If there was," said MacDonald, "then everyone would be trying to write that type of book."

Award categories

- Fiction
- Poetry
- Drama
- Non-fiction
- Children's literature - text
- Children's literature - illustration
- Translation

—Awards are given in both English and French language categories. All information courtesy of the Canada Council for the Arts.

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COURTESY OF CREATIVE COMMONS

Courts allow niqab to be worn during hearings

Witnesses are granted permission to wear face coverings if it is connected with sincere personal religious beliefs

SEAN HAYWARD
STAFF WRITER

The Ontario Court of Appeal has ruled that a Muslim woman may wear the niqab, a traditional veil that covers most of the face, while testifying as a witness in a criminal trial. The Court of Appeal's decision, made on Oct. 13, upholds the ruling of the Ontario Superior Court.

Jasmin Zine, associate professor in the department of sociology at Laurier, views the Ontario Court of Appeal's ruling as "a welcome development that preserves the victim's right to maintain her dignity and not be further violated by being forced to remove her niqab, which for women who wear this garment would be regarded as another form of assault on their body."

The court was faced with the task of balancing the right to a fair trial with the freedom of religion.

There is no hierarchy of constitutional rights, and all the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms are of equal importance.

Therefore, when rights or freedoms conflict with each other, they must be carefully balanced in order to cause the least possible infringement.

The defence lawyers argued that the defendant's right to a fair trial

would be violated if he could not see the face of the accuser and if the judge or jury could not take into account the facial expressions of a witness while considering their testimony.

However, the court ruled that a witness may wear a face covering, provided that it is connected to sincere personal religious beliefs, while testifying except in rare cases where it would truly compromise the fairness of the trial.

While the decision upholds an individual's rights, associate professor of women and gender studies Shahnaz Khan noted, "In any case, I think that wearing the niqab is not a major issue for most Muslim women at this point in time."

Asked for her opinion on the ruling, Khan said, "I think it is a complicated issue. It is difficult to give a straight yes or no answer because people read body language as well as voice comments."

The Superior Court had earlier overturned the judgement of a lower court, which stated that the woman must remove her veil in order to testify.

The case relates to sexual abuse that the woman allegedly suffered when she was a young girl, that was suspected to be carried out by her uncle and cousin.

"Very few actually wear it in

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A welcome development that preserves the victim's right to maintain her dignity...which for women who wear this garment would be regarded as another form of assault on their body."

—Jasmin Zine, Laurier sociology professor

Canada," she explained.

Describing the debate over the niqab and similar clothing as ongoing in the Muslim community as well as in broader society, Zine stated, "Amongst Muslims, there is a great deal of contestation over whether the face veil is a part of Islamic tradition."

"Many Muslims disagree with the practice," Zine added, "but nonetheless have supported women's right to choose what they wear."

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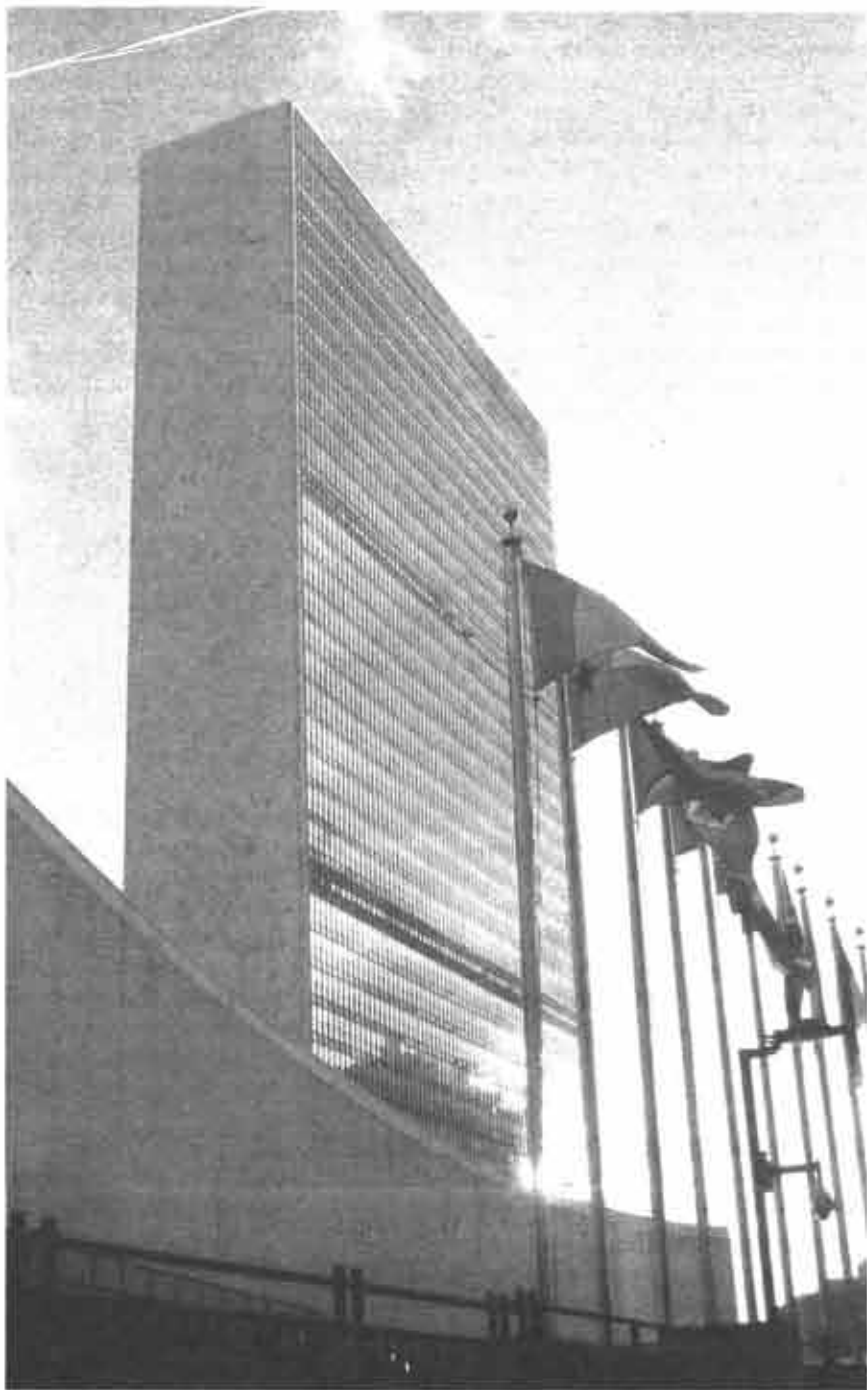
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Elections yield new UNSC membership

As the Security Council welcomes its new members, Canada finds itself looking in from the outside



COURTESY OF CREATIVE COMMONS

The United Nations headquarters at United Nations Plaza, NYC.

EUGENIO GOMEZ-CHICO
CORD WORLD

The United Nations (UN) General Assembly elected new non-permanent members of the Security Council last week at the organization's headquarters in New York. As part of the yearly rotation process, five countries were to be selected to replace the members whose two-year term ends this December.

India, Colombia, South Africa, Germany and Portugal went home victorious; Canada lived another story.

India, Colombia and South Africa ran unopposed for the seats corresponding to their regions. Germany, Portugal and Canada were running for the two open seats for the Western European and Others Group.

The first round of votes resulted in the election of the three solo runners, as well as Germany's appointment for passing the two-thirds majority, with a total of 128 votes. A second round was held between Canada and Portugal with an outcome favorable to the latter, but still below the majority needed. With this result, the Canadian government decided to step out of the race. Portugal was therefore elected.

Alistair Edgar, executive director of the Academic Council on the United Nations System, commented for *The Cord* "From the permanent representative John McNee [withdrawing Canada's candidacy] was the right diplomatic thing to do."

He explained that, even when the election process is not a popularity contest, "Countries recognize what you have and haven't done [and]

this government, unfortunately, has walked away from the United Nations."

Canada's role in peacekeeping has decreased immensely since the '90s; the amount of aid to African countries has been cut down; "we neglected all our responsibilities towards the UN," Edgar declared. "We've gotten what we deserve, we didn't deserve to get a seat on the Security Council."

Edgar also commented on Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon's statement blaming the leader of the opposition for Canada's failure, "Nobody in the Security Council cares about Michael Ignatieff. They will only if he becomes prime minister. That kind of internal debate is completely irrelevant."

Canada, one of the United Nations founding members, has served on the Council every decade since most recently in 1999-2000. This is the first time the request was not accepted by the General Assembly. Canada will have to wait another decade in order to be considered again.

The elected countries will join the five permanent members and the five non-permanent members who were appointed last year. The newly elected Security Council will have to deal with important issues on world peace and conflicts as of January 2011.

The continuing war in Afghanistan, the sanctions against Iran, the referendum for the possible

independence of south Sudan and the many problems in the Congo will be between the main issues on the agenda.

"What people don't see is the amount of work that the Security Council members do looking after situations like that", commented Edgar. He described the role of the organization as one that if done well is unnoticeable, but if it disappeared, problems around the world will start to erupt.

Five by five

India secured 187 out of 192 votes for their seat, a record for the Security Council

Colombia is celebrating its sixth election to the Security Council. Initially opposed by Bolivia, it was said Colombia would favour the interests of the US, a permanent member

Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel believes that the Security Council should reflect the world of today as opposed to the policies from 1945, as Germany is the third largest contributor to the UN

The outgoing members of the Security Council include Japan, Mexico, Uganda, Austria and Turkey

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World in brief

BELGRADE, Serbia

The Gay Pride march in Belgrade, Serbia took an unfortunate turn when thousands of right-wing supporters swarmed the scene, a brutal riot quickly ensued. Their attempt to disrupt the parade was successful as anti-gay protestors threw stun grenades and gasoline bombs into the crowd. Police arrived in time to arrest over 250 people, yet could do nothing to prevent injuries to over 150 people. European Union officials have made it clear that this should have been a foreseeable risk due to political conflict between the two groups involved and Serbia's failure to prevent the riot may be detrimental to their chances in joining the EU.



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POKHARA, Nepal

The world's smallest man, Khagendra Thapa Magar, can now officially refer to himself as a man having recently celebrated his eighteenth birthday. Finally, the infamous Nepalese teen is a legal adult and able to steal the title from 24-year-old, Colombian Edward 'Nino' Hernandez. Magar enters the new Guinness World Record books at an approximate height of 65 centimeters and weight of just 12 pounds. The young man reaches celebrity status, as he has already been named Tourism Ambassador Magar and will receive his Guinness certificate in public ceremony by the end of the week.

COLOMBIAN BASIN, Colombia

The Colombian Basin, an area between Colombia and Panama, has always been privy to attempted drug trafficking, by ship through the canals. The British Royal Navy managed to catch an entire ship of drug smugglers carrying over \$26.9 million worth of cocaine. On word of suspicion from US Maritime Patrol aircrafts, the Navy targeted and investigated a large vessel travelling across the Basin. The British vessel, HMS Manchester, confiscated over 530 pounds of cocaine, serving as a warning to anyone attempting similar illegal activity.

VIRGINIA, USA

Shots were fired outside of the Pentagon early Tuesday morning; police still search for the shooter. No one was injured. Witness accounts state that at least five rounds were fired, several of which hit the Pentagon itself. For the time being, authorities are considering the shooting as a random event. This recent shooting has rekindled memories of the Pentagon shooting in March earlier this year.

YEREVAN, Armenia

Armenian Grand Candy Factory celebrated its tenth anniversary this past month, choosing to forgo the traditional birthday cake for a giant chocolate bar. The factory unveiled a 9702-pound chocolate bar, at a celebration in Republic Square, inviting citizens from across the city for a chocolate tasting and giveaway. The bar was made from pure Ghanaian cocoa beans, which according to Guinness officials surpasses the previous record for world's largest chocolate bar in taste and weight by 2000 pounds.

BEIJING, China

Chinese premier, Wen Jiabao, has shocked the country in his recent call for reform of China's political system. A notorious communist country, the premier's strong desire for progress towards democratic change has stirred much political debate among officials and citizens alike. As the country prepares to make way for an entirely new era of leaders in 2012, Jiabao is certain that without political change China will regress in terms of any recent progress made in economic development. His comments may cause an internal divide within the current Chinese government, as lobbying, campaigning and debate continue throughout the month.

LONDON, England

Last year's notorious "Halloween murder" was finally resolved in court earlier this month. What started as a spat about a girlfriend's Halloween costume, resulted in fatality when three men ganged up on a party guest for allegedly stealing a girlfriend's hat. 30-year-old Londoner Ben Gardner stood no chance against the three perpetrators and was beaten and killed due to the violent attack. As each man had a previous criminal record, court proceedings were easily announced unanimously, sentencing each attacker to no less than a minimum of 14 years in prison.

HONG KONG, China

The newest trend for marriage ceremonies in Hong Kong—tying the knot in a local McDonalds. The idea originated from a couple who met at a local branch and held their wedding reception in the same place. Corporate Communications of McDonalds Hong Kong saw this as a business opportunity, creating the McWedding: a package that includes a burger buffet and apple pie cake. The only catch being that the chain cannot allow the sale of alcohol and the event will have to remain open to the public. Still, the company has already received numerous calls looking to book ceremonies and the McWedding will be available to the city's public as of January 2011.

—Compiled by Leeza Pece



COURTESY OF CREATIVE COMMONS

Violence escalates in DRC

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Between July 30 and Aug. 3, Rwandan and Congolese rebels besieged the village of Luvungi, in North Kivu and raped almost 200 women.

The rebels separated men from women and even children from mothers and began a mass rape with the United Nations (UN) Peacekeeping Mission only 19 miles away.

Timothy Donais, a global studies professor at Wilfrid Laurier University, gave some insight on the attack.

"Although the UN has a chapter seven mandate to protect civilians in the DRC [Democratic Republic of Congo], 19 miles is a long ways away. The UN's ability to prevent this would have been highly unlikely," he explained.

While most rapists were found and tried, the UN is suffering from the political embarrassment. According to an article in The Independent World, an e-mail was sent

out by the UN security and safety division the day the rapes occurred.

The e-mail told humanitarian groups to stay away from the Luvungi area because it was overrun with rebels, however made no mention of rape.

The UN has a very long and expensive peacekeeping mission in the DRC. Tens of millions of dollars were spent on creating democratic elections and attempting to restructure their government.

Donais continued to say that "the DRC is a big place and resources are not unlimited. Preventing rape there is as difficult as preventing rapes in western society. They might be expecting too much."

The UN is insisting it could not have responded to an incident that it had no information about.

Officials said that even when patrols did go through the towns several days later, rebels that still lingered, disappeared into the surrounding countryside and none of

the residents spoke to anyone about what had happened.

As military activities increase, sexual violence increases and is used as a weapon to humiliate, intimidate and control the citizens of the communities.

Donais added that "the rapes here and in other cases are partly to get a point across but could also be rebels and soldiers out of control. Many times drugs are involved and it is often used as a method of terror."

This latest attack on the people of the DRC calls into question the effectiveness of the mission the UN is keeping in the Congo and whether or not it should continue.

"The thing is," Dr. Donais said, "is that the government is just as bad as the rebel forces. With no international peacekeeping presence, it could just get worse. Can anybody really pull together a country as diverse and divided as the Congo and make it a single state again?"

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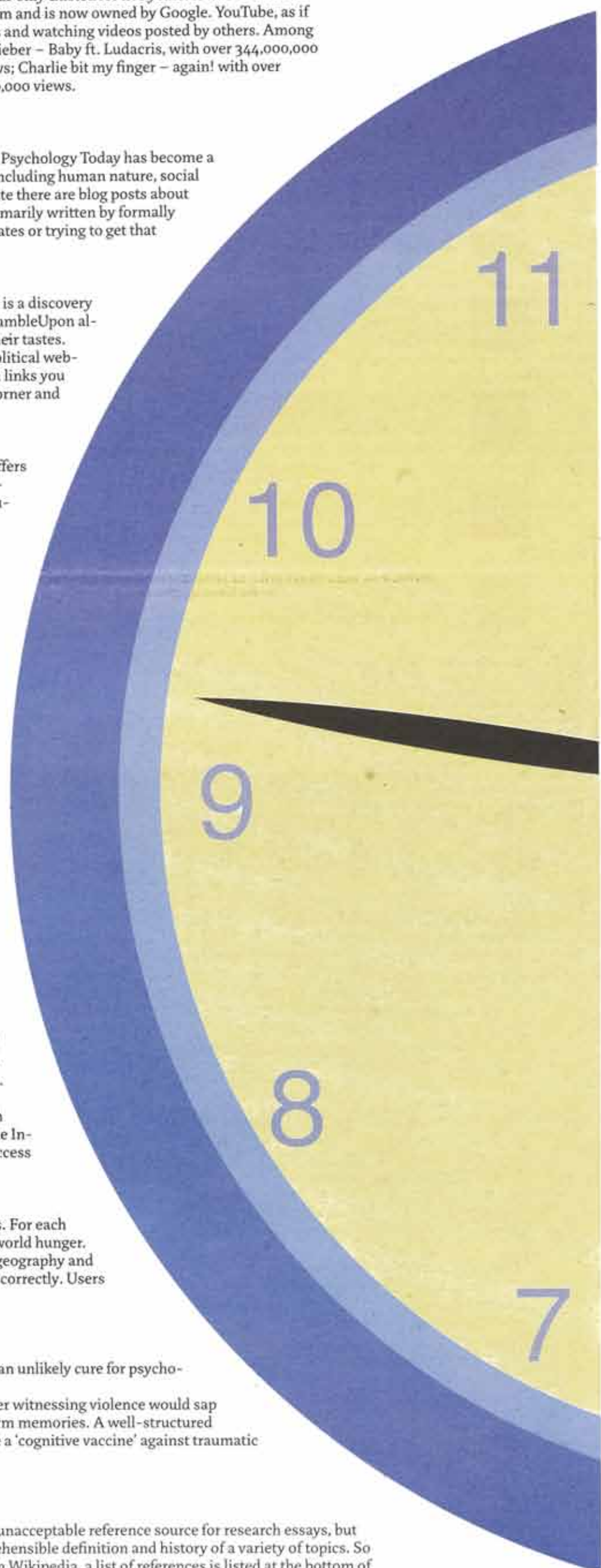
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Ten time wasting websites

Features Editor **Laura Sedgwick** browsed the internet for sites to peruse when you've tired of Facebook. Just what you needed — another reason to procrastinate

1. **YouTube** - Though it seems like much longer, YouTube has only existed for five years. It was created in February of 2005 by Steve Chen, Chad Hurley and Jawed Karim and is now owned by Google. YouTube, as if you didn't know, is a video forum for posting your own videos and watching videos posted by others. Among the most popular (and hilarious) YouTube videos are Justin Bieber – Baby ft. Ludacris, with over 344,000,000 views; Lady Gaga – Bad Romance with over 287,000,000 views; Charlie bit my finger – again! with over 238,000,000 views; and Evolution of Dance with over 153,000,000 views.
2. **Psychology Today** - Based on a magazine by the same name, Psychology Today has become a popular website for those interested in various aspects of psychology including human nature, social psychology, evolutionary psychology and psychotherapy. On the website there are blog posts about flirting, sex, forensic science, narcissism and more. These posts are primarily written by formally educated psychologists and come in handy when dealing with roommates or trying to get that cute boy's attention in class.
3. **StumbleUpon** - Possibly the most addictive website on this list, StumbleUpon is a discovery engine that links users to various websites based on the interests that user selects. StumbleUpon allows users to define their interests and subsequently leads them to websites that fit their tastes. StumbleUpon users may find themselves on humour websites, quotation websites, political websites or websites of various other themes or combinations of themes. If StumbleUpon links you to a website that is less than appealing to you, simply click the button in the top left corner and stumble onto a new one.
4. **Chatroulette** - This website allows for users to interact via webcam. Chatroulette differs from applications such as Skype in that the user doesn't know who or what they will be facing when they are on this site. That is, they are randomly matched up with another Chatroulette user and if the conversation is less than stimulating, the user can click and switch to interacting with another random user. Why the name Chatroulette? You chance interacting with the likes of a totally wacko. Or, who knows, you may end up chatting up Ashton Kutcher.
5. **The Onion** - The Onion proclaims itself as being "American's finest news source." It is a website that offers opinion articles, political articles, economical articles, science and technology articles with a humorous satirical twist. One particularly catchy Onion headline is Study: Women Always Answer Their Phones Unless They're Having Great Sex With Someone Else. The Onion is also available in print in several American cities. Occasionally their news stories are mistakenly cited as real news.
6. **xkcd** - Online comics can be witty and informative. xkcd comics are particularly hilarious and educational. xkcd presets itself as being "a webcomic of romance, sarcasm, math, and language." They are posted every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and are written by Randall Munroe, a former NASA roboticist.
A warning is expressed on the bottom of the xkcd website: "this comic occasionally contains strong language (which may be unsuitable for children), unusual humor (which may be unsuitable for adults), and advanced mathematics (which may be unsuitable for liberal-arts majors)."
xkcd comics are not known for their intricate visual appeal (for reasons that become evident after visiting the site) but are addictive non-the-less.
7. **Pandora** - For all you music lovers out there, Pandora is a site where users can search for their favourite bands and artists. After a search of the band, an artist profile will appear with a brief biography and a list of all that band's discography. What is particularly appealing about Pandora is that it provides a list of "similar artists" that you can check out. It is a great way to discover new bands in genres you already know you enjoy.
Furthermore, Pandora provides users with a "comprehensive analysis of music" through what they refer to as "The Music Genome Project." Pandora is intended to be a customizable Internet radio station, however, due to licensing constraints, Canadian users are unable to access this feature.
8. **Freerice** - This is a charity website where users answer multiple choice questions. For each right answer 10 grains of rice are donated to the World Food Programme to help end world hunger. Users can choose between six different question categories including art, chemistry, geography and learning language. The questions increase in difficulty with every question answered correctly. Users can also compete with other users and top players are ranked weekly. Freerice is both educational and altruistic.
9. **Tetris** - According to fleur.de.livres, "Playing video games could be an unlikely cure for psychological trauma."
"Researchers at Oxford University hypothesized that playing Tetris after witnessing violence would sap some of the cognitive resources the brain would normally rely on to form memories. A well-structured study in the journal PLoS One confirmed the finding – Tetris acted like a 'cognitive vaccine' against traumatic memory."
But beware, too much playing may cause carpal tunnel syndrome.
10. **Wikipedia** - Your professors may say that it is an unacceptable reference source for research essays, but in many cases Wikipedia provides users with a comprehensible definition and history of a variety of topics. So that users can ensure the accuracy of what is written on Wikipedia, a list of references is listed at the bottom of each page.



Your mayoral candidates: A cheat

In-Depth Editor **Rebecca Vasluianu** interviews the four candidates in the city's municipal election on Oct. 25. This piece provides quoted answers to the six key questions they were asked regarding community issues

The questions

- Q1** What is the most important issue in this upcoming election?
- Q2** To what extent will students play into the decisions you make in this city?
- Q3** What, specifically, would you do to better address the needs of students?
- Q4** How do you plan to make Waterloo more environmentally sustainable?
- Q5** What is your stance on Light Rail Transit?
- Q6** What is one thing your electorate may not know about you?

The key issues in this upcoming election

- **Light Rail Transit (LRT):** Last year, the city of Waterloo approved a proposal to institute the urban rail transportation system. The regional council also approved the system's use for the KW region. While the federal government has pledged up to \$265 million and the provincial government has pledged \$300 million, there is still a \$235 million shortfall that the region's cities will have to account for, causing the proposal to garner re-examination.
- **The fluoridation debate:** Last April the region of Waterloo passed a by-law, submitting a referendum to Oct. 25's ballot, asking the following question: "Should the Region of Waterloo fluoridate your municipal water?" The substance, commonly added to drinking water, is meant to promote dental health.
- **The KW amalgamation:** A referendum will be put to the people of Waterloo and Kitchener on Oct. 25 asking whether city council should be allowed to discuss joining the two cities. The questions will read as follows: "Do you support the members of Kitchener and Waterloo councils engaging in discussions about the advantages and disadvantages of merging the cities of Kitchener and Waterloo?"
- **Northdale:** Ward 6 (also known as Northdale) has been a key issue over the past few years, particularly due to the aged, war-time housing provided for students and strained relations between non-student residents and student residents; as well as the lack of resources and amenities in the area for the population living there. Proposed solutions have included urbanizing the neighbourhood and re-developing the apartment buildings.

Jan d'Ailly

City councillor for the past two terms and former business owner, d'Ailly sits on many committees in the city

Q1 I think what's very important is that we need proper leadership.... We have a city which is growing very quickly. We have a lot of innovators out there and the universities are growing very well and a lot of private companies that are doing great things. And it's time that the city takes a more proactive role in moving the city forward and making it a better place to live, work and play.

Q2 One of the key issues we have to deal with is Northdale because we need to find a long term development strategy for the students. And of course the students would be involved. They would be involved through their students unions and such and they're our constituency so they'll have active participation. There's the Town and Gown association in which there are many opportunities for students to get involved and thirdly, I would encourage students to apply to be on the various committees we have through city council. We have all kinds of citizen committees which are populated by constituents and we want to encourage students to get involved with these as well.

Q3 I think Northdale is probably the single biggest issue for students in Waterloo. We have to make sure students feel welcome in the city and feel part of our city because they are here for four years and hopefully longer. So to make sure it's attractive, it's safe and that there's affordable accommodations.... It's the most important thing that we can do.... Off-campus life is as important as on-campus life and the city has a huge role in facilitating that and making sure that happens well.

Q4 In my platform, there's a whole section on sustainability.... I'm proposing the Innovation Trail. It's an active transportation path that extends from Conestoga Mall to Waterloo Park and Uptown and that is to become an integrated off-road trail to act as a catalyst to make our trails part of the transportation within the city.... We own some land as well that will be developed as both employment and residential lands and if the density is high enough I propose that we get very actively involved with district heating to make sure they can work because they can be very efficient and reduce the CO2 footprint.... The third thing is the 10,000 solar rooftop challenge, that over the next 10 years we're going to as a region install 10,000 rooftop installations. Those I think are the three concrete things the city can take a proactive role with.



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Q5 A lot of questions have to be answered as we grow as a community we will need transit so we shouldn't close any of it. It's absolutely essential.... We have to go back to the public to re-do the discussion process. We're ready to press the go button today.

Q6 I'm an active sailor and I've been involved with the Conestoga Sailing Club and I've been there for the last seven years. So there is we run a sailing school over the summer to teach leadership skills and teamwork skills, environmental awareness. They learn to respect the sailing club to promote some real kids need. I'm very involved in that and I love it.



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Franklin Ramsoomair

Former business professor at Laurier, Ramsoomair is involved with charitable organizations abroad

Q1 Keeping taxes to a reasonable level. And the formula that I've worked out is using the rate of inflation, using participative budgeting involving an individual from every ward and UW and WLU and also using fixed rate budgeting, which is setting the tax rate before allocating expenditure. Then we will be able to keep it down to about 1.9 per cent or less. 45 per cent of Waterloo makes under \$25,000 per year and taxes are hitting them the hardest.

Q2 Given my background, students are a big part of the city.... I'd like students from each ward to be represented in participative budgeting. For job creation, I have clients that will be involved in the city. If I am elected, But I want to take that further and have a committee that will actively solicit investment in Waterloo and back to me in the first three months. It will include students, etc. In every committee I have planned to include students from [the two universities].

Q3 Right now I'm in negotiation with the Meal Exchange Program which is a million dollar operation across Canada and the United States.... The idea was from a student of mine and it's on the way to becoming a world-wide program. They do it so that many students because of the cost of food, they don't have money to eat. Meal exchange is available at universities for students....

Q4 This one is a bit controversial. On city council has something called the Safe Landscape (ESL) provision, which is to control so that certain councilors can designate areas that are not.... I would like to tie the ESL provision to the Green Belt plan so that no one on council can change it. Once it's tied provincially you have to go to the government to get permission. In terms of the environment, we have encroached on the Green Belt and I wouldn't believe.... I want to stop construction and instead focus on medium density intensification. I want to save the moraine, don't pave it.

Q5 We need some form of improved transit. Right now, at a cost of \$790 million, that has been twice the rate of inflation. We're suffering under the burden of increases, our seniors and those on fixed incomes are not able to afford a Light Rail Transit now. I'd say in the next five years we begin to experience intensity, that we have a plan... and it might not be Light Rail.... Right now we consolidate what we have with iExpress.

Q6 I formed, about a year and a half ago, a program called Dream High and Fly and we provide online education to young people. We have students pay a token fee of \$5 and I have a number of students.

cheat sheet



COURTESY OF DAVID BELLINGHAM

lot of questions have to be answered on it still. As we grow as a community we will need some form of rapid transit so we shouldn't close any doors on that because it's essential.... We have to go back to basics and go to re-do the discussion process. Again, I don't think I'm going to press the go button today.

I'm an active sailor and I've been very involved with the Conestoga Sailing Club and I've been a Commodore there for the last seven years. And what we do is we run a sailing school over the summer for kids to learn leadership skills and teamwork skills, and also to promote environmental awareness. They learn to respect nature. We like sailing club to promote some really basic skills that I'm very involved in that and I love doing it myself.

Given my background, students are of crucial importance.... I'd like students from each of the campuses to be represented in participative budgeting. In terms of my clients, I have clients that will be investing in Waterloo if I can. But I want to take that further and have a task force to actively solicit investment in Waterloo and will report on it in the first three months. It will include experts, students in every committee I have planned I want to have input from [the two universities].

Right now I'm in negotiation with something called the Meal Exchange Program which is going to be a \$12 million dollar operation across Canada and the United States. The idea was from a student of mine, Rahul Raj ... the way to becoming a world-wide program. What attracted many students because of the expenses involved in eating out. Meal exchange ensures there are meals at the universities for students....

This one is a bit controversial. One of the candidates on council has something called the Environmentally Safe Landscape (ESL) provision, but it has been used before. What I would like: right now it is under city council and certain councilors can designate what's in ESL and what's not. I would like to tie the ESL provision to the provincial plan so that no one on council can tamper with it without provincial approval. In terms of the larger issue of development, we have encroached on the moraine like you see here.... I want to stop construction on the moraine and focus on medium density intensification.... My slogan is the moraine, don't pave it.

We need some form of improved transit in the future. Right now, at a cost of \$790 million with a tax burden that has been twice the rate of inflation and people under the burden of increases, our pockets of our citizens on fixed incomes are not endless and so we can't build a Light Rail Transit now. I'd say in the future, when we have more experience intensity, that we have a more specific plan. It might not be Light Rail.... Right now, we need to do what we have with iExpress.

Formed, about a year and a half ago, an organization called Dream High and Fly and what we do is provide online education to young people across the world. We charge a token fee of \$5 and I have about 10,000 for-fee students.



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Brenda Halloran

The incumbent, Halloran is a former nurse who represents the city council on numerous committees

Q1 The most important issue in this election is Light Rail Transit. We've gone to thousands and thousands of houses and the big thing for a lot of people is the cost. People feel burdened enough by taxes and don't want us to go ahead with it. We have to go back to the drawing board and revisit all the options and figure out what can be done with the dollars that we have. I just cannot support increasing taxes to cover the shortfall. We just need to go back to the drawing board and revisit the community and go back to the community with those ideas.

Dale Ross

A senior manager at large corporations for over 30 years, Ross works with many industry associations

Q1 The biggest issue is fiscal responsibility for the city. The city has been increasing taxes double the rate of inflation and expenditures have been going up over 24 per cent in the past four years. And quite frankly, the city is in a terrible financial mess.

Q2 There's one key question which is the Northdale issue with students that I think is extremely important. It's something that can't be allowed to continue, and we certainly have to address it to the satisfaction of all of the parties involved in the issue. And in that the students play an extremely large part. In addition to that, we should also take into account the students' requirements for the expansion of public transportation.

Q3 Those issues I just mentioned are the two major things I would do. If you look at Northdale, the residents certainly aren't happy, the students aren't happy and I believe the situation has been created by the city in terms of the by-laws. Basically, the city has designed things without properly taking into account the students' requirements. So, we need to go back to the basics and think about what the students want and need while they're going to university and attempt to accommodate it in a manner that's affordable and satisfies the community and the city.

Q4 The city is landlocked now. We can't get more green space. So, what we have to do is make sure we protect the green space that we have. As we intensify it's going to put more pressures on the existing green space we have in the city. So what we have to do is make sure we take steps to ensure that the green spaces that we currently have here are protected.

Q5 I don't believe the city or the people can afford to implement it right now. I'm a strong supporter of an improved system but the Light Rail System is just too expensive. In order for it to go into place, we'd have to borrow at least \$230 million and by the time we pay for it we'll pay at least two and half times that. I believe the fast bus system is more economical and effective in the short term and it provides us the flexibility we need for the long term.

Q2 We need to hear from the students, have them engaged and hear their voices about the issues that affect them. For the past four years I've had a Mayor Student Advisory Council. I've been working with students from both universities.... For me it's been a wonderful opportunity to sit with a group of student leaders and hear what the issues are and let them hear the ideas that the city has and get input from the students as well. I've been promoting it and pushing it for years and pushing students to get involved in city hall committees. I would love to see students on every single city committee we have because their voices need to be heard.

Q3 I have been doing that. With the Mayor Student Advisory Council I've been meeting with students and the Town and Gown committee with the city of Waterloo. I invite students to come be a part of city hall. I meet with students. I'm very involved with students in this community and I think that the student voice is so crucial to the future of Waterloo. So, I've been doing it proactively for many, many years.

Q4 Part of my platform is Green Waterloo. Recently as a council we've approved a new office of Environmental Sustainability, and this is really exciting and it'll be implemented by the new council. I want the city to meet the criteria to become a Sustainable Waterloo pledging partner to reduce our carbon footprint.... And it's working within city hall to build an environmental culture and continue to promote working on green initiatives. The city is working with UW on a wind turbine project. We're looking at bike lanes ... and it goes on and on. There's so many things we're doing in the city and we can continuously do more.

Q5 For me, it goes back again to the affordability of it and what the community wants and what we're hearing loud and clear from people is they're not in support of Light Rail Transit. A lot of people are in favour of buses as opposed to rail because of the expense of it. With the funding shortfall we need to review it and look at what is an affordable option for this community.

Q6 Something that I'm really excited about is Waterloo won the Intelligent Community of the Year Award in 2007. And I've been active in that initiative from day one because I think it's very important to keep Waterloo in the global stage.... Now I'm the Chair of the Intelligent Community Association and working with 14 other intelligent communities across the globe ... to help intelligent communities help other communities across the world to share best practices. I'm really excited that Waterloo is taking a lead role and that we're going to have international delegations come visit this city.



MEGAN CHERNIAK PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Q6 Both my wife and I are Laurier grads and I'm actually one of the original grads from the MBA program.... It was very demanding because I was married as an undergraduate and I did three years of school in two.... I did 18 courses in two years while I was working part time and I was married.... I spent two years at Bishop's getting a bachelor of science and when I transferred here I quit the university and I worked as a hostess and got married, then went back to university. And in order to get my honours degree I did 18 courses in two years.... When our daughter was born, my wife stayed home to take care of our child, and then went back to university and we had a babysitter alternating and then we graduated at the same time.

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One on one with Rose Cousins

The Canadian folk singer talks to *The Cord* about life on the road and her upcoming tour

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Maritime songstress Rose Cousins might not be a household name yet, but with a packed year of touring ahead of her and another nomination at this year's Canadian Folk Music Awards she'll be hard to miss in upcoming months.

Still promoting her second full length album, 2009's *The Send Off*, Cousins has been playing shows across the United States and is preparing for a number of dates with Amelia Curran across southern Ontario in November.

While travelling through Madison, Wisconsin, Cousins spoke with *The Cord* to discuss life on the road and what she's learned since starting out.

The folk singer, born in Prince Edward Island and currently based out of Halifax, has made a name for herself in the Canadian folk scene. She's worked with artists like Kathleen Edwards and Joel Plaskett in addition to using Luke Doucet as the producer for her most recent record.

"It can be intimidating to approach someone, but he's just so kind and easy to talk to," said Cousins, remembering her first meeting with Doucet at a folk festival in Nova Scotia.

"We were having a beer after one of the shows we had done and he expressed an interest in my stuff. So when it came time to choose someone to produce my record, I asked him because it's such an amazing honour."

She acknowledged Doucet's "wealth of knowledge" and "amazing ideas," claiming that the talented Canadian musician's vast experience with other artists contributed to the making of *The Send Off*.

"It's an interesting relationship, producer and artist — opening up to the process and learning what it's like to work with someone who you haven't worked with in that capacity before, but it was a really good experience."

When asked about the different dynamic between touring and working in the studio, Cousins replied, "The fortunate — or unfortunate — part is that you kind of need one to do the other."

The cycle of writing, producing, promoting and performing music has its ups and downs. Though she undeniably enjoys both aspects of the job, the folk singer admits that touring is more susceptible to low points. "There's a rush about being on stage and having a really amazing show," she mused, but "sometimes you might not have the greatest night, or you'll have a great night



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followed by a really stupid long drive."

Speaking on studio time, however, Cousins is enthralled by the "rush of being creative all the time" and not necessarily knowing what direction a project might go in.

Discussing the Canadian folk scene, Cousins recalled her humble beginnings performing at open mic nights and offered advice for aspiring musicians. "Put yourself in a place with likeminded people or where you're listening to people you

admire," she said, emphasizing the importance of staying inspired and practicing a lot.

Nominated for a Canadian Folk Music Award and multiple Nova Scotia Music Awards this year, Cousins reflected on the honour by stating, "It's neat to be among people who are working full time making music and striving to write high quality material."

She also remarked that critical acclaim like award ceremonies don't really add extra pressure.

From the time of her first nod in Nova Scotia, Cousins said, "I had reached a point where I was being recognized by my peers, as working musicians, as someone who is contributing. That's the joy that it brings — I feel involved."

Looking to the future, Cousins has a full touring schedule and revealed that she's almost ready to start work on a new album. Her current tour around the States will be followed by dates in Southern Ontario with Amelia Curran.

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Coach House Books, ECW Press and Indie Press collaborated their efforts to put together a night of indie fiction and poetry at the Starlight Lounge in Waterloo on Monday night.

It was a demonstration of the Canadian literary arts through a collection of writings from six authors, each with their own reading styles.

This event has been taking place in Waterloo every few years, changing the venue between Starlight and the Jane Bond.

The event was free to the public, encouraging everyone to come and scope out the independent publications.

Most of the authors originated in the Toronto area, but some came as far as St. John's to share original pieces and poems. Guests and authors alike mingled before the performances got underway.

The night began with Natalee Caple who read from her book, *The Semiconducting Dictionary*, which is about a woman living as a self-loathing man.

Following her was Dorothy Ellen Palmer, reading excerpts from her book *When Fenelon Falls*. Utilizing

quirky plays on words and Canadiana-related puns, she recited a portion of her story about a family going for a drive.

George Murray was up next with his book *Glimpse: Selected Aphorisms*. He elicited the most laughs of the night as he read snippets of his "aphorisms."

His time on stage was impressive as he selected some of his 409 unique aphorisms to share with the crowd. Murray confided to the audience that he composed the collection when he was "feeling self-conscious."

His aphorisms ranged from thought-provoking statements like "Anger without determination is just resignation" and funnier phrases like, "The slot machine is the idiot's ATM."

During a short intermission, Words Worth Books had copies of the authors' works available for purchase.

Cordelia Strube resumed the night of readings after the break. Her novel *Lemon* is currently long-listed for the Scotiabank Giller Prize and was also shortlisted for the Trillium Book Award.

Lemon has stirred controversy with its gritty depiction of adolescence, though Strube believes this is

part of the book's success.

She remarked that the goal of an author is "to write about the world as [they] see it."

Strube stated, "We live in this culture where people say 'don't worry, be happy' when there is a lot that isn't working."

This is the premise for her novel, which follows 16-year-old Lemon, who is a cynical but intelligent teenager.

Carrying on the evening, Gary Barwin (*The Porcupinity of the Stars*) described himself as the "poetic baloney" in between the novel readers, which grabbed the audience's laughter and attention from the get-go. The selected poems he read centered mostly around his family.

Last but not least was Sheila Heti who read from her novel *How Should a Person Be?* which blends the line between novel and autobiography.

Heti's book was an appropriate ending to a night of excellent indie fiction.

Each individual author tackled challenging topics and shed light on ideas that often get left out from mainstream publications.

With such witty and entertaining guests, the event was an enlightening and successful evening for everyone involved.

Wintersleep deliver charming performance

DREW HIGGINBOTHAM
STAFF WRITER

Wintersleep played at Starlight on Oct. 19 to an eager crowd, showcasing an array of songs from current and past albums.

Opening act Rah Rah from Regina, Saskatchewan started the night with their indie rock sound.

The band ripped through songs with members switching between instruments nearly every song.

Unique additions like violin and accordion really enhanced their sound and performance.

Speaking with *The Cord* after the set, drummer and vocalist Erin Passmore stated, "It was a lot of fun playing here. I was a bit nervous at first because we don't usually play to this many people."

She then joked, "It helped that I didn't have my glasses so I couldn't see the crowd, that gave me some added confidence."

Following Rah Rah, Wintersleep took to the stage, opening with "A Long Flight" and "Encyclopedia."

The rhythm section produced a lot of energy and the distorted guitar sounds complemented the poppy piano hooks.

The expressive and upbeat music got the crowd tapping along with their feet.

Lead singer Paul Murphy's raspy vocals were reminiscent of Bob Dylan's — but with a hint of maritime flare added in.

The band's set was dynamic with segues from harder rock to softer melodic songs.

The at times dark guitar and eerie

distortion made for an outstanding audience experience.

The band also played "Dead Letter & The Infinite Yes," a soft rock piece with uplifting lyrics that are hauntingly beautiful.

"Weighty Ghost" came off as an epic mellow pop anthem and got a huge response from the crowd, who swayed and sang along.

The band finished up with an encore including tunes like "Miasmal Smoke" and "Mausoleum."

Each were great songs in their own right, producing a near cinematic experience. The songs were very atmospheric and left the crowd in awe.

The Cord asked guitarist Mike Bigelow about the gig and he replied, "The show was great. We have played here a few times and it's

always been good."

Speaking about the evolution of the band, Bigelow said, "The line-ups have changed, so that may contribute to the change in sound."

This last record we have had more permanent members and felt more like a band with Paul writing lyrics and the rest giving suggestions and bouncing ideas off each other. We really work well as a unit now."

He added "We like it and we enjoy it so we work really hard. It's a constant progression."

Wintersleep's set was in perfect harmony with the Starlight venue and they delivered an awesome performance.

Arguably one of Canada's best up and coming bands, their latest CD *New Inheritors* is out now.



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In review: Fall releases

YOU DON'T GET TO 500 MILLION FRIENDS WITHOUT MAKING A FEW ENEMIES

The Social Network

Directed by: David Fincher
 Starring: Jesse Eisenberg, Andrew Garfield, Justin Timberlake
 Release Date: October 1

★★★★

Fine scriptwriting, keen directing and some stellar performances make *The Social Network* more than simply "a movie about Facebook". Fincher's film quite effectively portrays the banal journey of a bored Harvard student who becomes the world's youngest billionaire without a single dull moment.

The film follows a semi-fictionalized account of Facebook's creation and two lawsuits involving Facebook founder, Mark Zuckerberg.

Jesse Eisenberg (*Adventureland*, *Zombieland*) stars as Zuckerberg, a sharp, intelligent but somewhat socially-stunted student who decides to build a website to socially connect

university students after being pitched a similar idea by a couple of his peers — who become determined to hunt down Zuckerberg with accusations of stolen intellectual property once the site gains popularity.

Meanwhile, Zuckerberg befriends Sean Parker (Justin Timberlake), the charming yet unsettling creator of Napster, and their partnership begins to create tension between Zuckerberg and his co-founder, Eduardo Saverin (Andrew Garfield).

Though based on the non-fiction book *The Accidental Billionaires*, *The Social Network's* brilliance owes much to screenwriter Aaron Sorkin's script, filled with some memorably witty lines delivered perfectly by Eisenberg and characters with more than a sufficient amount of substance.

Fincher's directing is top notch as usual and the musical score by Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross suits the darkly intriguing tone of the film to a tee.

The Social Network not only exists as an engrossing story about Facebook's creation, but also takes the liberty of showcasing how a simple but brilliant idea, done correctly, can prove to be bigger than anyone could imagine.

—Shawn Zacchigna

Jackass 3D

Directed by: Jeff Tremaine
 Starring: Johnny Knoxville, Bam Margera, Chris Pontius
 Release Date: October 15

★★★★

If the 18A rating of this film is not

warning enough to the faint of heart and/or stomach, here is a brief idea of what you're in for: projectile vomiting, urine, feces, nonsensical violence or a combination of the previously listed.

And as you've probably guessed, these things are utilized with 3-D technology to their utmost comedic potential.

Those familiar with the *Jackass* television show and two previous films will not be let down if they are expecting more of the same inane, stomach-turning, consistently hilarious stunts starring Johnny Knoxville and his motley crew of friends and celebrities, but the uninitiated will likely be in for a bit more male nudity than they'd expect.

In addition to the stunts, *Jackass 3D* also features several hidden camera segments, in which the *Jackass* team plays practical jokes on one another or unsuspecting bystanders.

Recurring characters and segments from the previous films and television show also make appearances in the film.

Rather than just complementing the background visuals, the use of 3-D in this film (especially in sequences filmed in slow motion) serves a much bigger purpose by taking the audience's interaction with the film one step further and putting them uncomfortably closer to all of the things they're content with just remaining on the screen.

The *Jackass* series is not for everyone, and this film is no exception. But if curiosity strikes and you want to know what a man flying a toy helicopter tied to his genitals looks like in 3-D, by all means see this film.

—Shawn Zacchigna

Arts bites

The latest news in entertainment

T.I. talks man down from jumping off roof

Rapper T.I. had a glimmering moment of redemption between prison stints last week.

T.I. — real name Clifford Harris Jr. — was released from prison in April after serving a sentence for federal weapons charges.

Then just last week, he prevented a man from jumping off a 22-story building.

Apparently cops were alerted to a suicidal man on top of the building that houses a popular Atlanta radio show.

The DJ requested T.I. to come to the site; upon arrival the rapper recorded a video which the cops then played to the jumper.

T.I.'s message to the man was as follows: "Nothing is that bad. Nothing in life is worth taking your life. I'm here to help you. Please come down to talk to me."

The hip-hop star and the man whose life he saved chatted in the lobby afterwards before T.I. went outside to snap photos with some female fans.

Unfortunately, T.I. was arrested and sent to jail again the very next day for violating the terms of his probation.

—Sarah Murphy

Cox-Arquette marriage goes south

Courtney Cox recently joined a long line of Hollywood celebrities whose marriages just didn't work out.

Cox and her husband of eleven years, David Arquette, have announced a trial separation that has supposedly been in place for months now. The two Hollywood stars met on the set of *Scream* and were married in 1999.

Arquette was a guest on *The Howard Stern Show* last week and made some childish comments regarding his sex life (or lack thereof) with Cox.

A few days later a U-Haul was spotted at their shared home.

We wonder how long it will be until this trial becomes permanent.

—Emily Frost & Allie Hincks



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Dear Life,

Do you ever feel like you are at school in North Korea? People always yell at me for walking on the hawk. Think about it, the hawk is the statue of Kim Jong-il and the people that yell at you are like Kim Jong-il death squads. Do you think it is a coincidence that WLUSU put up a TV in the terrace that is constantly displaying propaganda? Sincerely,
I didn't know that Waterloo was in the USSR

Dear Life,

Gadzooks! Why the ragpicker is Pizza Pizza always out of chocolate milk! Curse them and their poor inventory management skills! Dost thou not knowest of thy inferior product! Zounds! The sweet cocoa milk not knowest a purer form then to wash the rubber cheese taste down my throat. For art thou making not the food of God's, but thy food of the common guttersnipe. Sincerely,
Get your shit together, fuck heads

Dear Life,

Why the hell would a teacher create a midterm that is next to impossible to finish within the time given? Seriously, a 100 mark test in 45 minutes. Are we expected to write essays for each of the 7 arbitrary questions worth between 8-20 marks each? We are not robots, and this is not fair. You cannot set students up to fail, especially when we attend all classes, take detailed lecture notes, read assigned readings, and studied for at LEAST 10 hours total. And not only did you set this unattainable standard, but you were YELLING at the students about the instructions, treating us like idiots, and I swear you almost made one girl cry. It's ridiculous and should not be allowed. It is unjust to students, and even ironic considering it is an ETHICS class. I thought teachers wanted us to have fair opportunity to succeed?

I don't care if you are a doctor or professor. It gives you no right to lord it over us and let the power get to your head. When it comes out that everyone almost failed this test, it won't be because it is a hard course and they didn't study, it will be because you are ignorant and inconsiderate and not a very good teacher.

Sincerely,
There should be a service to help students object to these injustices

Dear Life,
LSPING blows.
Sincerely,
I opted out

Dear Life,

Why are people so addicted to their blackberries? There are better, more important things in life than BBM-ing your friend who you will probably see that same day anyway. Detach yourselves from these awful materialistic things and maybe start paying attention in class. Sincerely,
I refuse to get BBM

Dear Life,

Can Laurier maybe get teachers who can clearly speak English, or get a translator to talk on behalf of them. Sincerely,
I didn't realize when I signed up for a Math course, I was taking a second language as well

Dear Life,

I fucking hate studying for midterms. I'm going to Wilf's instead. Sincerely,
All you can eat perogies > Gene mapping

Dear Life,

I do not agree with the way things went last year during the presidency election. First off, where the hell are the final results from last year? They haven't even fucking been posted. How can we, the students, trust WLUSU when they spend our money like it grows on trees. Not every student is a millionaire with a trust fund. Lots of us could use an extra couple of bucks a week. Their fiscal policies make them a disappointment to the student body. Sincerely,
STOP WASTING OUR MONEY!!!

Dear Life,

The girl who commutes to school and walked around campus for an hour to find a place to sit just to find everywhere full and ended up sitting in her car alone... that's the saddest thing I've ever heard :(Sincerely,
You can have my seat :)

Dear Life,

I sincerely doubt that the few people who get 50% discounts with WLUSU are responsible for the rising cost of food. In fact, chances are the prices are so jacked up that food services is still making a profit off them. If you don't want to spend money on campus food, then don't. Stop whining and get a job that provides you with some sort of discount. Or, bring a lunch to school and warm it up in the microwaves provided to you so nicely by WLUSU. Sincerely,
Tired with WLUSU employees taking all the crap

Dear Life,

I fear this person may be right. Look at their credentials; they'll be starting school at the Eaton Centre soon. Sincerely,
Fashion is about choice, if you don't agree with what you see on other people shut the fuck up and take pride in the fact that you feel good about what you yourself are wearing

Dear Life,

I hate it when people walk into my room just to fart, then proceed to leave my room and their fart(s) behind. People fart, I get that, but it's different when you eat a brick of moldy cheese and a Big Mac then shit your pants in my room minutes later. My advice to you: it's gross, cut it out, because when you wake up one morning with pink eye I'll be the one laughing. Sincerely,
Rant of the week

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Heads need to roll in WLUSU management

On Friday it was announced to the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU) board of directors that the cost overrun for the Terrace expansion would be \$430,541.13.

Almost immediately the fingers of blame started flying to Mike McMahon, general manager of WLUSU, the university, the 2007-08 board of directors and on and on and on. There is no more certain a sign of gross incompetence than when the blame game begins.

What we do know is that McMahon and WLUSU president Kyle Walker were aware of the potential cost overrun since a site visit in the spring and failed to inform the WLUSU board of directors. Management was aware that the funding provided by the student life levy (SLL) would not cover all of the expenses the project was incurring. In fact, they have been giving nothing but a steady stream of positive reports since the beginning of the construction. This is absolutely unacceptable. The students of Laurier have elected the board of directors to oversee the finances of WLUSU. To keep them in the dark is to keep all of us in the dark about projects that are financed with our money.

If the board was informed promptly of the coming cost overrun before construction began, more could have been done to contain costs or to cancel the project outright. Instead, as Kyle Hocking put it, the WLUSU board of directors was held hostage by management: faced with cancelling a half completed project or taking out a loan. That should not have been the choice that faced our directors.

It is absurd that the budget could have been so wildly inaccurate. Some of the additional expenses such as the utility room and necessary plumbing retrofit should have been in the initial quote. Whoever was responsible for dealing with the contractors failed miserably to extract the real costs of the project for past boards to examine. The passage of time did not change anything. That is a cop-out to cover the asses of those responsible.

It is clear that there needs to be a systematic review of how capital expenditures are approved and managed. The lack of supervision over the Terrace renovation is unacceptable. There needs to be an increase in communication between the board of directors and WLUSU management and if a breakdown continues to occur the board needs to assert their power to ensure that students' money is being allocated in the population's best interest. A situation like this cannot be allowed to happen again.

It is important that students put this number in perspective. The cost of overrun itself comes to approximately \$30 per student and that's not taking into account the additional million dollars that was budgeted. It is the equivalent of a year's tuition for approximately 83 students. It is the equivalent of a thousand dollar merit or needs-based scholarship for 430 students. Heck, if we spent the money equally as responsibly we could buy close to 11,000 2-4 cases of beer and have one hell of a party.

Students are no doubt thinking how they could have better spent that money and for good reason. Tuition and student debt is on the rise and more students are working one or more jobs to pay the bills more than ever before.

Students entrust their fees to the union under the expectation that their money is used wisely to better the educational experience of themselves and others. Between blowing money on pointless televisions, a giant red sign and the Terrace renovation cost overrun, this past year leaves students shaking their heads. Students demand better.

Sadly, the actors involved in this boondoggle have been all too eager to use the blurred lines of responsibility to avoid scrutiny. They cannot be let off the hook. In any business, incompetence leading to such a massive cost overrun would be grounds for immediate termination. There have been no repercussions in this case. The students' union board of directors should have forced management to cut other areas of spending to make up for their gross misjudgment. Students want answers and demand those responsible be held accountable. Heads need to roll.

—The Cord Editorial Board

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Kitchener-Waterloo not yet prepared for light rail transit

Web Director David Goldberg discusses the limitations of the proposed LRT system for Waterloo Region that sparked debate in the campaign



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The idea of a Light Rail Transit (LRT) system in Kitchener-Waterloo has been kicking around since 1999. It was exciting at first; sleek and sexy street cars that are going to magically solve the region's long-standing traffic congestion issues, all the while reducing our carbon footprint and launching us further up the ranks of "model Canadian cities" for innovation and sustainability.

Now in 2010, as election time edges nearer, the ugly truth is starting to come out — most people don't want the damn thing. Not the citizens, not most politicians. Not only do most people not seem to want it, but we also can't afford it.

It was heralded as a "green light" when the feds and province of Ontario kicked in a combined \$565 million for the \$790 million project. Now let's stop and ask ourselves: where is the other \$200 million or so going to come from?

The taxpayers; to point out how bad this could really get, I offer you exhibit A: RIM Park. That debacle will be dropped on the tab of Waterloo residents for decades and that was a mere \$145 million. Double that and you have a fiscal scenario similar to what LRT could become — minus the lawsuits, hopefully.

Looking at the schematics of the project, it seems like it will create more problems than it will solve.

Cambridge always seems to get the short end of the stick and Light Rail is no exception. The plan calls for Bus Rapid Transit from Cambridge to the starting point of the track at Fairview Park Mall in Kitchener. This won't bode well for the region's long track record of an uneasy relationship with the alienated city to the south.

Cambridge Mayor Doug Craig said, "This is a historic moment, but it depends on what side of the 401 you live on....What we really have is a Kitchener-Waterloo light rail plan," in an interview with the Waterloo Region Record back in June 2009.

The argument for LRT maintains that the track, which would be located along the region's busiest traffic corridor, would offer better access to independent, community businesses.

What doesn't help this argument is that the entire system upon completion will be anchored by two shopping malls touting Old Navys and Banana Republics.

The members of regional council behind the project also maintain that LRT will be great for our region which is supposed to be growing at mind-blowing rates over the next 20 years. What doesn't add up is that they want to move people north to south, meanwhile, most new expansion in the area is taking place in the east to west.

And finally, in this election, I have heard no word used by candidates more frequently than "leadership". Yet the majority of mayoral candidates in this

What doesn't add up is that they want to move people north to south, meanwhile, most new expansion is taking place east to west.

election are taking no pro-LRT leadership stance this time around.

Aside from incumbent Cambridge Mayor Craig, it's off Cambridge's radar. All of Waterloo's candidates have rejected the notion.

The only mayoral candidate on board is Kitchener's current, and most likely future, mayor Carl Zehr.

Especially in Waterloo, it seems the LRT issue has become a campaign tool to pull in voters. Candidates seem to be going along with public opinion rather than standing by their own convictions. I might be more inclined to vote for a candidate who took a strong stance on LRT and backed it with a viable solution for financial solvency.

Given the current economic landscape of the province, combined with this region's penchant for blundering large infrastructure projects makes me think that Waterloo Region (technically just Kitchener-Waterloo) isn't quite ready for LRT.

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Letters to the Editor

LSPIRG biased and unaccountable

RE: LSPIRG responds to Cord editorial, Oct. 13

LSPIRG takes \$10.22 from each student every year, there are roughly 15,000 undergraduate students which puts their budget at around \$153,000 each year. With a budget like this I feel that everyone should know who they are. So who are they?

This group is a group that has an extremely narrow, extremely far left view of the world and will only hand out their money to anyone if they agree with this narrow view.

So what's the big deal if that doesn't get to you? LSPIRG is siphoning money from students and many of them don't know that this is occurring. Why should they? How many students actually expect ideologically motivated groups to instantly latch on to their bank accounts upon coming to university?

What is even more disturbing is the lack of financial accountability. LSPIRG doesn't have to hand in a budget. With no budget who is keeping them accountable? Who is looking after around \$153,000 of student money?

The business office even admits this. I have absolutely no problem with the Young Liberals, the Campus Greens or every other club, because the students' money is monitored heavily by Campus Clubs, the institution that looks after the campus clubs of WLUSU.

If LSPIRG and the clubs under their protection were campus clubs tied to WLUSU I would have no problem. This is because all campus clubs have to submit budgets to ensure financial accountability and are held to their budget.

— Ian Merkley

The recent banter in The Cord on LSPIRG made me curious to find out more about this organization. It only took a visit to the main page to become very angry that I have contributed to this organization in my student fees.

There I saw a bulletin saying 'Hiring Anti-Oppression facilitators'. For an organization that claims to be non-partisan, there is an inherent bias in the job titles of the staff LSPIRG hires.

Sorry LSPIRG, but I think Laurier Diversity Services does a great enough job of fostering a tolerant environment on campus. While this society has a long way to go in terms of mitigating institutional discrimination, it is hardly oppressed.

Having immigrated from a

country where real oppression exists, I was deeply offended that this group of naive individuals believe that this applies to Canada as well. Give your head a shake, LSPIRG.

— Hasan Siddiqui

AW@L demonstration poor political theatre

RE: Demonstration highlights lack of student engagement, Oct. 14

While the moral outrage experienced by AW@L and its sympathizers in the name of Alex Hundert is entirely justified, this does not excuse the poor political theatre that took place in the Concourse this past Thursday.

Without the development of new images of protest, new ways of thinking what protest is, what it seeks to accomplish, all efforts will be in vain and perhaps even more offensively, rendered cliché.

The droning polemic in the Concourse, replete with a giant-headed caricature of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Ewok prisoner, and anonymous police officer, is hardly the kind of rapprochement that would open up the university as a space to protest.

With new images of protest, hopefully with it come new ideas of the meaning of protest. The release of Hundert, if achieved because of the rhetoric of last week, will only prove the fact that protest will always be hinged to the idea of efficacy (very much a mental and political trope of liberal democracy of today) without fundamentally changing the strictures against protest to begin with.

New images of protest must resist being incorporated into the fold of dominant society as well as resisting their own calcification as a part of protest. There was nothing dynamic, revolutionary, dare I say engaging in the Concourse; as an image it failed.

This is perhaps as unjust as the undue arrest and detention of Hundert. The only thing commendable is that they have done more than I ever have regarding injustice in Canada currently.

— T.A. Pattinson

Foot patrol are heroes

Really? Did you just diss me for using Foot Patrol?

Those people are heroes.

They prevent a whole bunch of bad shit from happening.

Excuse me for being safe.

What if I really took your insult to heart?

What if I thought to myself,

"Wow, I really am embarrassed to have people walk me home?"

What if, a day after that, I decided to walk home by myself,

And I got raped or attacked,

And my face was in the paper,

And you read the paper,

And you saw my face,

And you remembered my face,

And you remembered what you said to me?

I wonder how you would feel then.

Oh yeah, I also saw that you were surrounded by friends when you made your comment. You were walking with them. I bet you wouldn't have said that if you were alone.

— Anonymous

Too much hate, too little humour in "Dear Life"

What has happened to you old friend! Where's my buddy with his/her witty remarks, satirical tone, cynical outlook, and overall, clever way of bashing things you hated to the core?

You really have become an obnoxious bore. You make my brain sore, to the point where it bleeds. Honestly, you make me wish I didn't know how to read. You really have become a negative, hateful, angry person. The thing is, it's not the negativity. It's not the anger. It's all the no-nonsense hate, it simply impedes on the comical way you use to communicate.

You obviously can no longer take a joke, make a joke, take a bong toke or relate to the common folk. See, you've lost your humour and touch, it hurts a long-time reader like me, so very much.

You remember what humour is right? How to make fun of something? Or have you forgotten what made you great since obtaining this "hate the world", "throw fuck in every sentence", "I hate/love leggings" mentality which you seem to be making your M.O. this year.

Seriously friend, it's not a good look for you; you sound like an angry idiot. Lose the hate Dear Life, because no one appreciates a complaint that is not in the form of a joke and has no punch line. Make a joke and stop chugging cans of fluoride, you already have an IQ of 60.

— Jonathan Hart

New bail conditions for Hundert disturbing

RE: On campus protest supports G20 accused, Oct. 14

I'm a first year student at Laurier and I found your article about Alex Hundert very disturbing. Particularly the new bail condition in the Legal update sidebar that he "not express political views in the media".

If this is an accurate representation of the bail conditions it is profoundly at odds with my view of Canada. If the state accuses us of a crime should we have to choose between bail and freedom of speech?

I applaud Alex on his choice to remain in jail and I would encourage him to write his own version of Dr. King's "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" and release it to the media. The state has tried to muzzle him by making him choose freedom of person over his freedom of speech, having failed to do that, do they really believe Alex's ideas are a danger to the public or is this just an artless attempt at controlling legitimate political dissent?

— David Carr

In last week's Cord, it was mistakenly printed that Sterling Stutz is a former student at WLU. While this error was an honest mistake (and quickly corrected), it is not surprising it was made. There has been a complete lack of support from the WLU Students Union and administration towards students and alumni who have been the target of the G20 security apparatus.

While Stutz is not attending class at the moment, it is not by her choice. She is being denied access to her education because the Canadian courts believe the third year student is some sort of threat to society. She was jailed for two weeks following the G20, and is now forced to live in Toronto as the courts believe that only her parents can "un-brainwash her". Stutz is in the process of transferring to the University of Toronto, her only option to continue with her studies.

Sterling is one of seven members of AW@L who were targeted by the state with conspiracy charges (thought crimes), four of which are also WLU students or alumni. While some students and faculty have been vocal against this criminalization of dissent, it has been disheartening to observe the apathy and ignorance of the WLU community.

— Rachel Avery

It is clear that the colonial corporate state of Canada fears the ideas and the efficacy of the social and ecological justice movement. Members of our community have been targeted, violated, and criminalized

for sharing their ideas for a better world, and the efficacy of their organizing.

When WLU Alum and AW@Ler, Alex Hundert was arrested for speaking at WLU and Ryerson, and then had a "justice of the peace" impose a gag-order as a condition of his release (which his jailors coerced him to sign), there was little reaction on Waterloo Campuses or in these communities.

Alongside Alex, the political prosecution of AW@L member Sterling Stutz, a founder of Laurier for Palestine and a part of the WLU Women's Centre, again shows this troubling trend of the criminalization of effective social justice organizers. These are not isolated incidents; they are two examples from a history of state-targeting of those who can resist injustice. Are we at university and in academia to learn from our pasts and challenge dominant ideas and unjust situations? Or are you really only here for a piece of paper which will privilege you enough to collaborate with and help steer those dominant systems of destructive industrial neoliberalism and ongoing racist colonialism?

— Dan Kellar

Students owed nothing by Waterloo taxpayers

RE: Municipal candidates ignorance of student issues appalling, Oct. 13

As a citizen of Waterloo I too have to take time out of my busy day to go and vote! Consider that a privilege!

You are offered many advance polls on weekends where you can vote as well as the two locations where you can vote on Oct. 25, that you mentioned in your comments. I too have to drive to Bechtel Park to vote! I also live, work and pay taxes in the city of Waterloo where many students consider my home their dumping ground. I do not think in any way that you, as a student, are owed anything by me, a taxpayer in my city! Consider it a privilege to have an education that is subsidized by my taxes and to live in my chosen city! I think Ms. Givertash, it is time to grow up and stop moaning about how hard done by you are as a student. This is the real world!

— Carolyn

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Government must eliminate tuition



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Recently The Cord addressed the severe problems many students experience financing their education. One student made a plea for students, administrators and provincial and federal governments to focus on "financial hardships for students." That's what I do here by analyzing the political context for the escalating costs of undergraduate and graduate education.

The latest data from Statistics Canada shows several interesting facts. Firstly, Canadian universities increasingly depend on tuition fees to supply their operating revenues. Secondly, more students are working: in 2006-07, 45 per cent of university students, aged 20, worked part-time or full-time compared to 38 per cent in 1996-97. Lastly, students are continuing to be burdened by high levels of debt: for the class of 2005, the average debt at graduation for students with both government and private loans was \$36,600 for bachelor's degrees, \$37,500 for master's, and \$41,200 for PhD degrees.

My take on these data is that unless students easily can absorb the escalating tuition fees and ancillary costs, not to mention living expenses, they are burdened by huge debt-loads upon graduation. Just to cover housing and food costs many students have to work at least one, usually low-paid, part-time job during the school year. In addition, the high costs and indebtedness likely diminish opportunities for qualified students from low-income situations to participate in post-secondary education.

From a social justice perspective, this state of affairs perpetuates social inequalities. Politically, it is a consequence of policy decisions made by the most recent federal and provincial governments respectively.

In 1995 Jean Chretien and Paul Martin slashed federal funds transferred to the provinces for post-secondary education, ostensibly to reduce the federal deficit and debt. Stephen Harper, with his explicit agenda of downsizing government in all areas aside from prisons and the military, intensifies this policy.

Ontario governments have followed suit.

The Liberals and Conservatives, although different in style, share a neoliberal philosophy of diminishing government support for the common good while ramping up individual responsibility.

They believe that the burden of covering the difference between the costs of post-secondary education and public dollars allocated for sustaining the public resource of an educated citizenry increasingly should fall – and will continue to fall until we elect socially responsible governments – on the shoulders of individual students and/or their parents.

Regressive taxation policies are central to this neoliberal agenda. In the last decades federal and Ontario governments have cut the tax-rates on big business and cut income taxes the most for those individuals whose high incomes make them most capable of contributing to the good of all. These tax cuts have reduced government revenues substantially.

Accordingly, Ontario in effect requires post-secondary institutions to increase tuition fees to cover their expenses. No wonder a large proportion of students experience severe financial hardship.

In my view, as citizens preparing to face the formidable environmental, economic and social challenges of the immediate future, we should be enabling all qualified students, regardless of family income, to participate in post-secondary education. Everyone in society benefits from a well-educated populace.

Furthermore, there's no reason, other than political, why Canada cannot invest fully in post-secondary education to make it financially accessible by reducing and eventually eliminating tuition. Governments could pay for the increased costs that colleges and universities would incur by taking back the tax cuts from big business and the individuals who can most afford to pay.

Sooner or later there will be a federal election and next year a provincial election. Thus, students have a golden opportunity to press for major change in the form of steadily reduced tuition.

Challenge the candidates wherever you live concerning their position on tuition costs. Then work mightily to elect the candidate in your riding who, in the spirit of social justice, supports reducing tuition to zero.



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FIFA's reluctance to use video replay harm's soccer's credibility



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The recent display of England being denied a clear goal against Germany in the 2010 FIFA (International Federation of Association Football) World Cup in South Africa reopened a recurrent debate prominent within the international soccer community – the need for video replay in matches.

The Association has long been famous for its attachment to maintaining the status quo despite numerous calls for the use of instant replay technology.

The game of professional soccer is now in dire need of maintaining its credibility through policy reform that allows for the use of video replay technology. This will foster more precise officiating in conjunction with referees on the field.

The largest issue with the current situation is that unacceptable blunders in officiating always take place in the game. This is simply the reality when the continuous pace of play, field size and the 22 players on the field are taken into consideration.

Although FIFA concedes that referees do make mistakes out of human error, they believe that the use of video replay technology would undermine the authority of the referee and remove the human aspect of the game championed by FIFA.

Soccer is unique in that every decision made by the referee is final.

The use of video replay technology would change this in cases where it would be referred to in order to come to a decision.

Although the judgment of the head referee would no longer hold the ultimate authority over making calls, it would allow for more fairness in ensuring that the outcome of a match is determined based on performance rather than errors made by the official.

Much of why the game of soccer receives criticism from players and enthusiasts loyal to other sports is how frequently situations arise where a clear mistake in officiating is made.

Soccer is given a bad reputation from common errors among officials such as awarding penalties to those who purposely feign injury, incorrect offside calls or incorrectly deciding whether the ball has fully passed the goal line. Video replay must be used in conjunction with officials on the field in order to make correct decisions on issues like these that may require more thorough examination through the use of technology.

There exist several infamous examples in the history of soccer where teams were able to achieve victory through an evident mistake made by officials. Arguably, the most controversial example of this is the "Hand of God" goal scored by Argentine soccer legend Diego Maradona against England during the quarter-finals of the 1986 FIFA World Cup, in which Maradona used his hand rather than his head to jump up and place the ball into the net.

Due to the angle from which the referee saw the incident, he was not

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able to see that the ball was handled and allowed the goal. Had video replay been used, the goal would clearly have not been allowed. Incidents like these significantly impact the dynamics of a match, as it is questionable whether or not Argentina might not have gone on to win the game and eventually the World Cup tournament had the goal not been allowed.

Countless other sports like football, hockey and baseball have come to rely on video replay in order to make key decisions correctly. It is time for FIFA to realize that the same is required for soccer so that the credibility of the game is expanded.

As in any sport, the result of a game should be reflective of performance rather than advantages or disadvantages dealt by misguided officiating.

While it is certain that this issue is present to some extent in every sport, it is certain that FIFA must do more to modernize the game of soccer in order to provide safeguards that allow for fair match results.



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"It looks like Bennett has found himself in the right judicial system if individuals like Chen who attempt to enforce the law and protect themselves end up in handcuffs just like the criminals who have personally done them harm." —Barabara Ciochon

Arrest of David Chen is ridiculous

Cord Columnist Barbara Ciochon offers some useful suggestions for shop owner David Chen to make the best use of a justice system that favours the rights of criminals over the rights of victims of crime



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When Chinatown shopkeeper Wang "David" Chen and his two employees made a citizen's arrest after suspecting Anthony Bennett, a career criminal with over 40 convictions, was shoplifting from Chen's "Lucky Moose Food Mart," no one expected all four individuals to be charged with criminal offences.

Bennett confessed to police that he did take a number of plants from the Lucky Moose an hour before being tied up and forced to wait in the back of Chen's van until authorities

arrived. After Bennett stated that he suffered a beating and feared for his life, Chen was arrested and charged with kidnapping, carrying a dangerous weapon (a box cutter), assault and forcible confinement.

Two of the charges were dropped, but Chen still awaits his verdict on the charges that the Crown has decided to pursue: assault and forcible confinement.

It looks like Bennett has found himself in the right judicial system if individuals like Chen who attempt to enforce the law and protect themselves end up in handcuffs just like the criminals who have personally done them harm.

This ironic situation can be attributed to the current laws which state that shop owners may only detain thieves caught in the act, while having "reasonable grounds" to believe that a person has committed

an offence isn't enough. The current law doesn't cut it.

If there's anything that we've learned about the Canadian judicial system, it's that it's always accurate; our laws are hardly ever outdated and are here to serve Canadians, like you and me.

With that said, if Chen could take back that faithful day and do it over again, here are some friendly tips as to how he could have gone about dealing with Bennett in accordance with Canada's laws.

First of all, Chen should have been able to tell that Bennett was a convicted thief; he should have been so certain it would almost seem as though Bennett was walking around with a criminal record on his back. What's that? Chen had to help an 85-year old customer reach for something on the top shelf? Too bad, granny can wait — eyes always

on Bennett.

If Bennett did manage to leave the Lucky Moose with the stolen goods, in spite of Chen's omniscience and consistent stare, once Bennett returned all Chen needed to do was yell authoritatively, "Hey scumbag! Go to wherever you call home, bring back my plants, and when you return you must wait here until the police arrive!"

If this plan somehow managed to fail and Bennett began to flee the scene of the crime, Chen would be permitted, by all means, to pursue him.

Though if he did catch up to Bennett and they were running shoulder to shoulder, Chen could have reminded Bennett about the police thing or recited a couple of jokes about Bennett's mother to catch him off guard. This would have most likely forced Bennett to trip over his

own feet or fail to see the garbage can lying in his path.

If Bennett miraculously remained untroubled by the "yo mama" jokes and succeeded in hurdling over the trash can, Chen should have let him go, returned to his store to call the police and waited for them to arrive.

But wait a second, most Chinatown shopkeepers say that usually 5 to 6 hours will pass before the police make it to the scene of a crime. No need to worry though, police can catch a criminal like Bennett in Detroit before he makes it further south. They always do.

Clearly, one can fight against crime whilst abiding by Canada's laws.

What's that you say? The alternative scenario in David Chen's case sounds awfully time consuming? Well, no one said anything about effectiveness.

Recent Israel/Palestine peace talks doomed to fail



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After just a month of talks between Israel and the Palestinians in the renewed direct negotiations, the peace process is once again on the brink of collapse. Despite the exaggerated media attention, this round of talks was doomed before it even began.

The direct negotiations resumed in Washington on Sept. 2, with the usual hype and unreasonable expectations. Despite the fact that there is currently no unified Palestinian leadership capable of representing the Palestinian people in a peace

agreement, U.S. President Barack Obama made Israeli-Palestinian peace one of the top priorities of his administration upon coming into office in 2009.

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas rules the West Bank, but no longer has any control or presence in the Gaza Strip, where the terrorist organization Hamas took over in a violent coup in 2007. The Gaza Strip is home to approximately 1.5 million Palestinians, around the same as the number of Palestinians living in the West Bank.

In the event of a peace agreement with Israel, Abbas would have no authority to enforce peace in the Gaza Strip. Hamas has repeatedly denounced any negotiations or compromise with Israel, instead insisting on continuing terrorist attacks as part of its ultimate goal of destroying the State of Israel and

liberating what it calls Palestine, from the Jordan river to the Mediterranean sea.

Khaled Abu Toameh, the West Bank and Gaza correspondent for the Jerusalem Post who spoke at Laurier last year, commented that many people are ignoring the facts on the ground, "namely that a radical, Iranian-funded Islamist state already exists, and it is in the Gaza Strip. It would have been more useful for the peace process had Washington demanded that Abbas find a solution to the split between the West Bank and Gaza Strip before dragging him to the negotiating table."

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Mixed messaging killed Rocco Rossi's campaign



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One wonders about the state of our politics when candidates like Rocco Rossi are forced to withdraw from a race that he has been engaged in for nearly a year. I pose this statement because for those who know Rocco Rossi, they see a man who is articulate, intelligent and has very charismatic qualities, and who couples those qualities with a very thoughtful platform.

Yet, despite being the very first of the primary candidates to announce his candidacy back last winter and being the clear front-runner on the social media scene, he was never able to break through the ten per cent mark in public opinion polls.

Why would such a candidate struggle so much? It is difficult to pinpoint the source of the ebbs and flows of public opinion. However, one can compare and contrast

successful campaigns to help understand the problems faced by the Rossi campaign.

I would contend that his ultimate downfall came down to two factors: lack of previously-established name recognition and mixed messaging.

For those who follow politics, it comes as no surprise that candidates would struggle with being an outsider with very little name-recognition outside of, in Rossi's case, the federal Liberal Party and the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Given this reality, it would be absolutely crucial for Rossi to construct a compelling, but straightforward narrative for his campaign; this is where he had the control and this is where he failed as a candidate.

From fired campaign managers to late-in-the-game John Tory sympathizers, it appears that Rossi lacked the cohesion of a successful internal campaign team.

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"If you want to convey your opinion, to convince people to change their personal choices, shock and disgust is not the way to go in our generation. You are abusing the constitutional rights of free speech and becoming more of a joke rather than heralded as an activist of change." —Shagun Randhawa

Carleton pro-life protesters abusing right of free speech



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It's a bright sunny afternoon and you're walking down the street to get to your destination, feeling good about the day. You are often encountered by sales flyers, street performers, the homeless and even social activists who march with their signs held high.

What happens next, however, isn't any sales representative who rather obnoxiously shoves a flyer in your face. It is a large image of a bloody fetus, juxtaposed against photos of defecated bodies murdered in the Rwandan and Holocaust genocides.

There goes that sunny day.

This is exactly what happened when five Ontario university students attempted to graphically display anti-abortion posters around Carleton University. Ottawa police took them away in handcuffs, charging them for trespassing. Prior to the incident, the school had offered an indoor area to hold the protest, citing the right of the passerby "not to be offended." The students refuted this as censorship and decided

to hold the protest in the Tory Quad, the busiest spot on campus.

Censorship is an issue many activists bring up when plying for political or social change on the streets. While I agree whole-heartedly with the theory behind free speech, I do have to consider the line being pushed when individuals use horrific, disturbing images as a tool for protest. It is not so much free speech when these pictures are being used but an effort to cause reaction rather than the desired rethink.

It is easy to understand why these students felt the need to show graphic images of bloody body parts in order to gain a reaction. The average individual is bombarded with thousands of messages each day and we are all aware of the long-standing debate over abortion.

We have either picked our side of the debate or have decided not to care. Feeling the need to get noticed, these groups attempt to be more graphic than the next person in order to get attention.

I would have to agree that sometimes, no matter how sickening the image, they can be utilized to shame or create action in individuals who may otherwise be complacent. For example, in the civil rights movements in the 1960s, pictures of blacks being attacked by white mobs pushed citizens to protest who might otherwise have stayed silent.

However, that was the 1960s and it was more of a call for action in

society rather than a brazen attempt to change personal choice.

Let's look at some scenarios. A girl who had just went through an abortion, pressured by limited finances and a lack of structural support, could be traumatized by the sight of such photos, causing a post-mortem depression.

Looking at it from a pro-life standpoint, if you are arguing for the rights of the fetus having the same rights as a person, why would you demean these children by using their mortal remains to cause a sickened reaction? Defeating your entire point, you disrespect rather than pray for the lives lost.

My entire point is not to decide today the moral conclusion of the validity of abortion, but rather it is to criticize the road these five students are taking to cause a reaction. Utilizing horrific images to get a person to change their personal choice is doing nothing but disgusting them for a few moments while they walk by. I find it more degrading for the individuals to have stooped to such a level.

These students need to understand what free speech is about. If you want to convey your opinion, to convince people to change their personal choices, shock and disgust is not the way to go in our generation. You are abusing the constitutional rights of free speech and becoming more of a joke rather than heralded as an activist of change.



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G20 gag order on unjust, a crime in and of itself



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The alleged ringleader behind the G20 acts of violence, Alex Hundert, recently received an unprecedented set of bail conditions. The conditions include an incredibly severe gag order: Hundert is not allowed to voice a political opinion of any kind in a public area, which includes the media.

Keeping in mind that these conditions are being set before Hundert has actually been found guilty of anything, it seems that the court is terrified at the possibility of Hundert voicing his political opinion, something that we students take for granted. On Sept. 17, Hundert was

re-arrested for attending a panel discussion at Ryerson University because according to the court it qualifies as a political demonstration and his presence thus violated the conditions of his bail.

The fact stands that Hundert has not been found guilty of any crime. This is an extreme infringement of his right of freedom of expression under Sec. 2 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Additionally, Art. 19 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted in 1948, declares that, "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers."

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You know what yanks my Cord...

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When WLUSU (Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union) wastes students' money on the perceived necessity that is our technological overindulgence.

Our world is becoming increasingly more integrated through the plethora of communications and social networking tools provided to us.

This kind of mentality gave birth to the glorious idea that became the WLUSU smartphone application. While I wasn't able to test out the application on my Blackberry (it's coming soon they swear), I was able to test it out on my iPod Touch, and this app is almost, almost worth the five second installation wait.

Not only is the WLUSU app an RSS feed with PUSH notification,

it's also... wait, that's all it is.

If you are going to waste money on an app, why not finally give us something that integrates our student email or MyLearningSpace to our phones?

Why not just get some Laurier computer science students to develop the app for credit or as a co-op job, since open-source developer kits have made making phone applications?

The smart thing to do would be to utilize application advertising to offset the cost of developing and maintaining the app, but nope, that would get in the way of my screen space for finding out what's going on in the world of WLUSU this Saturday night.

Seriously though, how many people fiend for WLUSU updates? To me, this application was only developed to quell (partially) the foaming at the mouth of those who are way too integrated into WLUSU.

Between the smartphone app, the multitude of LCD TVs around campus and the recent discovery of the massive budget fail that is the Terrace expansion, students are increasingly disinterested in what the students' union has to say.

Why don't we meet in the middle? How about the students' union develops a PUSH notification that students will actually pay attention to, like every time they buy something frivolous?

—John Kennedy

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Hawks suffer first loss of season

After beating Brock on Friday, men's hockey team falls 4-2 to Waterloo

KEVIN CAMPBELL
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Ryan Bernardi wound up and blasted one on Warriors' keeper Justin Leclerc.

The resounding crack that the fifth-year slick-skating defence-man's blade created, was followed by the sweet sound of silence in a packed University of Waterloo arena.

Bernardi had just netted the Hawks' second goal of the night, leaving the gap Laurier needed to overcome 3-2.

Leclerc didn't see the black disc until he was scooping it out of the webbing he had failed to guard seconds earlier.

"Our forwards have done a really good job of getting in front of the goalie," the Hawks' defensive leader said. "We did a good job of that all night."

Garrett Sinfield can attest to Bernardi's thesis, as he scored a carbon copy howitzer earlier in the first, with captain Jean-Michel Rizk applying the exclamation mark to the play, sweeping the puck behind Leclerc.

That was as close as the Hawks would come, however, as a second audible crack haunted Bernardi with seconds remaining in the contest.

The defenceman's stick shattered into two as Bernardi swatted at an offensive zone-escaping puck.

With the puck now behind himself and the blue line, Bernardi could do little but throw his shrapnel away and watch helplessly as current league scoring leader runner-up Jarrett Schnurr collected the puck and potted his easiest yet, finalizing the game at 4-2.

"Maybe I should have held onto the stick and took the penalty," Bernardi lamented. "I tried to throw it out in front of the puck. He got the bounce that time, but what can you do?"

Tough luck for a brilliant performance, thought head coach Greg Puhalski.

"He had his best game for us," he said. "I thought his decisions were solid, and he played with real good energy. If he keeps playing like that, he'll be a big part of our hockey club."

Puhalski just wishes more players would model their game after

Bernardi's minute-munching efforts on Saturday.

"We've been getting a little too fancy and not bringing our lunch pails," said the coach, citing the reason for his forwards' drop in production.

In addition to Bernardi's strong veteran presence on the back end, incumbent goaltender Ryan Daniels has provided a confident composure for a group of younger forwards, getting their feet wet in the league.

"It was nice to bounce back in the second and third period," said Daniels after surrendering the game's opening two goals in the first 12 minutes.

The former Ontario Hockey League veteran shut the door after a rocky start by the Hawks, stopping 31 of 34 shots. He has gotten off to a tremendous start, sitting at third among top goalies with a 2.26 GAA and .932 save percentage.

"He's been spectacular," said Bernardi. "He's been standing on his head during games ... and we've got to try and help him out as much as we can."

Cory Fraser, Kirt Hill and Kurt Thorner also scored for Waterloo; the 3-1 Hawks haven't claimed a victory against their cross-town rivals since Feb. 12, 2009, and now face a stiff test when they head down the 401 to play Western on Friday and host Brock on Saturday.



NICK LACHANCE VISUALS DIRECTOR

Waterloo's Tyler Moir (40) prepares to fire a shot on the Laurier net during Saturday's game. The Warriors topped the Hawks 4-2, dropping the purple and gold's record to 3-1 on the season.



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Sandro Stojakovic has made an impression in his first season in the OUA, ranking second on the team with four goals.

Behind the Hawk: Sandro Stojakovic

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It's hard to believe that only one year ago the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks men's soccer team finished the season second last in the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) west division with only three wins on the year.

This season, the Hawks sit in fourth place in their division with six wins and two games yet to be played.

Part of the team's newfound success is due to performances from new additions such as first-year forward Sandro Stojakovic whose four goals are the second most on team and tied for eleventh in the entire OUA.

Stojakovic, a Waterloo native, was drawn to Laurier not only because it was close to home but also because of his experience with the team's head coach Mario Halapir.

"[Halapir] coached me when I was younger in his program, Elite Athletes," said Stojakovic. "I always

found that he was a great coach. He's one of the best coaches I've ever had in my life."

It's not only great coaching that has set the team on track.

Stojakovic explains how a collective appetite for victory has sparked new life into the Golden Hawks this year.

"There's a lot of first-years, a lot of new people that want to do very well and everyone that's here from before also wants to improve on last year's season so I feel as though there's a lot of desire to do better this year," he explained.

Stojakovic attributes his success this year to his ability to depend on his team: "we're all a family we all work together; I think that everyone believes in each other and we all work very well together."

He describes how there is a great sense of equality on the team; the veteran players welcome the newcomers as they all share a common goal.

"We all look at each other as one team," said Stojakovic. "It's a very nice atmosphere."

Stojakovic maintains a very busy schedule, as having skipped a grade he is still eligible to play for his top-ranked club team: the Erin Mills Soccer Club.

"I've been playing university soccer and also going to games and some practices with my club," said the rookie.

He also spends what time he has left working at the Terrace and coaching at Elite Athletes, an impressive resume for a 17-year-old communications major.

"You've just got to organize your schedule," said Stojakovic. "It's all about time management."

Stojakovic's greatest soccer achievements include practicing with the Ontario provincial team as well as attending the Toronto Football Club Academy. However, now he has his sights set on a much higher goal: "I want to go to nationals and I want to win nationals."

As the team continues to recruit and develop skilled young players like Stojakovic he might just see this dream become a reality.

GOLDEN HAWK UPDATE

Week of
October 18 - 24, 2010

RECENT SCORES

10.17.10
W Hockey 4 - Toronto 1
W Soccer 3 - Soccer 1
M Soccer 2 - McMaster 2
W Basketball 72 - Waterloo 34
M Volleyball 1 - Ryerson 3
M Volleyball 3 - Memorial 1
10.16.10
M Football 44 - Queen's 23
W Hockey 2 - York 0
M Hockey 2 - Waterloo 4
M Basketball 115 - Cape Breton 86
W Basketball 70 - Alberta 57
M Volleyball 0 - Windsor 3
10.15.10
M Hockey 4 - Brock 2
M Rugby 7 - Toronto 15
M Basketball 72 - Concordia 76
W Basketball 58 - McGill 70
M Volleyball 3 - RMC 0
W Volleyball 0 - Western 3
10.13.10
W Soccer 2 - Guelph 0
M Soccer 2 - Guelph 3

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

10.20.10
M Soccer vs UOIT
Alumni Field, 7:00 p.m.
10.22.10
W Volleyball vs Waterloo
Athletic Complex, 6:00 p.m.
10.23.10
M Hockey vs Brock
Sunlife Financial Arena, 7:30 p.m.
10.24.10
W Lacrosse vs Queen's
Knight-Newbrough Field, 9:00 a.m.
W Soccer vs Waterloo
Alumni Field, 1:00 p.m.
W Basketball vs Alumni
Athletic Complex, 2:00 p.m.
W Hockey vs Brock
Sunlife Financial Arena, 3:00 p.m.
W Lacrosse vs UOIT
Knight-Newbrough Field, 3:00 p.m.
M Soccer vs Waterloo
Alumni Field, 3:15 p.m.

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Hawks claim crucial victory

JUSTIN FAUTEUX
SPORTS EDITOR

This season the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks men's football team has found themselves staring down a loss at various times during their games.

There was the second quarter versus Western, the third quarter versus Ottawa and the final seconds versus McMaster.

But this past weekend, the Hawks suddenly found themselves dealing with a loss five weeks after the game had taken place.

Due to the situation surrounding the eligibility of defensive end David Montoya, Laurier was forced to forfeit their Sept. 11 win over the University of Toronto and a 37-6 victory suddenly became a 1-0 loss.

"Obviously it's really disappointing, but we can't control what goes on in the boardroom, our focus has to be out on the field," said Hawks' manager of football operations and head coach Gary Jeffries.

"But most of all I'm disappointed for David Montoya, he's gone through a lot and he's a warrior, he's still here with us and he'll continue to be a big part of this football team."

As a result of the ruling, the Hawks' record dropped from 3-3 to 2-4, making their already important game with the Queen's Gaels on Saturday a must-win.

"I think we approached it the right way," said Laurier quarterback Shane Kelly of the forfeit situation.

"We just kind of expected the worst and hoped [for] the best but we came into [the Queen's] game looking at it as a playoff game."

And with their playoff hopes potentially on the line, the Hawks came out showing no ill effects of having a win taken away, beating the Gaels 44-23, almost guaranteeing themselves a playoff spot.

Fuelling a Laurier win was an explosive second quarter which saw the Hawks score 43 of their 44 points, with Kelly throwing three touchdown passes.

Running back Rashad La Touche had a rushing touchdown, while fullback Isaac Dell had two in a quarter which saw the Hawks score



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Gaels quarterback Billy McPhee (10) is smothered by a pack of Hawks defenders. Laurier dominated Queen's winning 44-23.

six touchdowns in less than 10 minutes, turning a 10-0 deficit into a 43-10 halftime lead.

"I was very proud of this group today," said Jeffries. "We've got a lot of good athletes here and our kids stepped up in that second quarter and really put this thing away."

The second half would prove to be problematic once again for the Hawks, as the offence only mustered a single point.

"Coach [Jeffries] said that the second quarter was one of the best

quarters he's ever seen," said receiver Dustin Zender, who caught two of Kelly's touchdown passes.

"We've just got to take that magic and put it into a full game."

The Hawks' defence — which has been the closest thing the team's had to a constant this season — held Queen's quarterback Justin Chapdelaine to just 89 yards passing, forcing three interceptions (1 off back-up Billy McPhee). The Gaels also suffered from turnovers on special teams, fumbling twice, both of

which led to Laurier touchdowns.

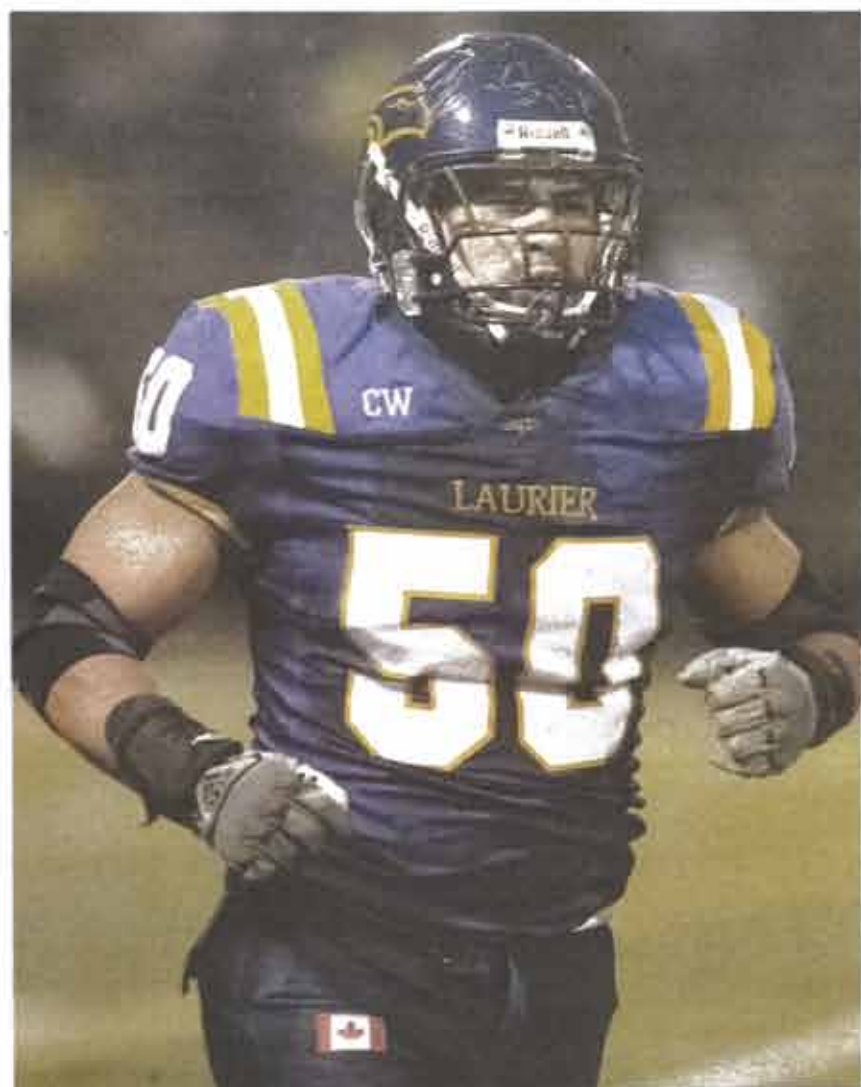
"We've got great coaches all around," said linebacker Mitchell Bosch, a defensive captain and a regular on special teams. "They really motivate us to be at our best and we're all capable of making plays out there. When we're working together as a unit, good things happen and that's what we saw today."

The now 3-4 Hawks finish their regular season this Saturday with a road game versus the Windsor Lancers. Despite losing four games

this season — something Laurier hasn't had since 2001 — the Hawks could still potentially host a playoff game should they defeat the 2-5 Lancers. With that in mind, the Hawks aren't relaxing at all after their crucial win on Sunday.

"We've got to come out ready to work this week," said Zender. "We said that this game and every game from here was playoffs. We know that everything's on the line and we've got to come out and play like we did [against Queen's]."

Laurier forfeit: who's to blame?



ADAM GAGNON LAURIER ATHLETICS

David Montoya during what turned out to be his final game as a Golden Hawk, Sept. 11 versus the University of Toronto.

JUSTIN FAUTEUX
SPORTS EDITOR

Later on today, David Montoya will make the same 40-minute drive he's made every day this semester. He'll leave his teaching job in Milton and travel to Waterloo to attend his classes. Only now when he goes to football practice he won't be in the action, he'll instead be stuck on the sidelines.

On Friday night, the questions surrounding the eligibility of the 27-year-old defensive end were finally answered as the Sports Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) ruled Montoya ineligible. The SDRCC's ruling upholds a decision made by a Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) committee two weeks ago and as a result the Golden Hawks football team had to forfeit their week three win over the University of Toronto and Montoya's playing career is over.

"Playing football was a big part of the reason I came back to Laurier and to have that taken away is incredibly frustrating," said Montoya.

"But it didn't only end up hurting me, it ended up hurting the team and for the team to be put in that situation because of an act of possible negligence is completely unfair."

Montoya was ruled to be in violation of a rule that was instituted by the CIS this past summer, which states that football players must

complete their five years of eligibility within seven years of their high school graduation.

However, he had originally registered at Laurier in January, which would have put him on the Hawks' 2009-10 eligibility certificate, a requirement to qualify as an exception to the new CIS rule.

However, due to his responsibilities as a high school teacher and coach, Montoya deferred his studies to the fall, six months before the rule was instituted.

"[Laurier's athletics department] told me I would be able to play if I came in September and unfortunately that ended up being the difference," said Montoya.

"I'm really angry with the people that counseled me, but in fairness to them, they believed that what they were telling me was right."

According to Laurier athletics director Peter Baxter, the rule had an ambiguous explanation and could have been interpreted in such a way that would make Montoya an exception.

"The implementation process was horrible," said Baxter. "There was no clarification prior to the season as far as the interpretation of the rule and there was a lot of confusion amongst coaches and athletics directors as late as August."

Baxter went on to mention that in the early stages of the rule the CIS coaches association had intended

on a grandfather clause which would have made the rule only apply to athletes starting university in 2010-11, which would have made Montoya eligible. However, in April the CIS added the stipulation that involved the eligibility certificate without consulting the league's athletics directors.

Montoya, meanwhile, questions why there wasn't more done about this issue prior to the season.

"The CIS decides to implement this new rule in July and I don't even know about it until it's brought up to me three games into the season," he said.

"It's embarrassing for Laurier and it's embarrassing for the CIS... The CIS implemented the rule retroactively and that was wrong, but Laurier was negligent in reading the rule properly and getting clarification."

According to Baxter, nine schools and 14 athletes from across the CIS have been affected by this rule, which in his view signals a problem with the way it was implemented.

"On our end, we have to take responsibility for not checking before the season," he said.

"But when nine schools are calling [the CIS] with problems it means something's wrong... In my opinion the implementation of this rule didn't go along with one of the most important principles of the CIS, which is acting in the best interests of our student-athletes."

Soccer Hawks clinch top spot

After improving to 10-1-2, the women's soccer team has guaranteed themselves a home playoff game

ANDREA MILLET
STAFF WRITER

Securing their first place spot in the OUA (Ontario University Association) West division this weekend, the Wilfrid Laurier women's soccer team took to the field at home on Sunday and held out for a 3-1 victory over the McMaster Marauders.

"I thought offensively we played very well today, we created lots of chances," said head coach Barry MacLean. "We definitely were the dominant team, but I have a little bit of an issue with the way we played defensively."

Opening the game with force, Hawks midfielder Heather Malizia netted an early goal after five minutes of play. They continued to assert themselves throughout the first half and were up by two after midfielder Alyssa Lagonia fired one past the keeper into the top left corner.

The Marauders answered back just before the half time whistle with a goal of their own, slipping the ball past Hawks goalkeeper Mal Woeller.

After starting off slow in the second half the Hawks were able to recover and came back with one more goal as Ali McKee lobbed the ball over the Marauders goal keeper and into the back of the net.

"I think we did what we had to do, we just wanted the points, but I think it's more important that we

perform as best as we can and I think that we can do better than we did today," commented Malizia.

The Hawks have been loud and clear all season about demonstrating their skills and their ability to be an assertive team, with 34 goals in 13 games and only one loss.

"I know that the rest of the league knows that we are a dominant team so when we play... it's a war for every game, we have to fight for all of our points," said MacLean.

The Hawks have one match left in their regular season and will be kicking off at home against the Waterloo Warriors this Sunday at 1:00 p.m. before looking ahead to the next round of competition. They will begin their playoff bid at home in the OUA quarter finals on Oct. 30.

"We just want to get refocused on our overall team shape and how we are defensively, because the games when we get to playoffs are not as open as these, they're more physical and they're more defensively oriented," said MacLean.

As a team that has shown confidence all season, the Hawks are now looking forward to the playoffs with this unwavering attitude.

"We have 28 players who are good enough to be on the field so I think what's most important is that we play as a team, instead of individually, and we play to our best," said Malizia. "We have the talent."



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The Hawks head into their final game of the regular season with only one loss all year.

Sports in brief

Women's hockey stars 4-0

The perennial powerhouse that is Laurier's women's hockey team has picked up where they left off after last year's 26-0-1 season. The Hawks have swept their first four games, beating UOIT, Queen's, York and Toronto, all on the road, to open their season 4-0.

Fifth-year goalie Liz Knox has built on her award-winning Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) player of the year 2009-10 season, only allowing two goals in the four games, posting two shut-outs.

Men's rugby still winless

On Friday night, the Golden Hawks men's rugby team suffered their sixth loss of the season, falling 15-7 to the University of Toronto Varsity Blues. The loss drops Laurier to 0-6 on the season, putting them in second-last in the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) standings.

The Hawks' final two chances to avoid a winless season will come Wednesday versus Waterloo and Saturday against Royal Military College (RMC).

Hawks go 2-1 at UW

Over the weekend, Laurier's women's basketball team took part in the 43rd annual Naismith Tournament, hosted by the University of Waterloo. After losing their opening contest 70-58 to the McGill Martlets, the Hawks knocked off the Alberta Pandas 70-57 and the host Warriors 72-34.

Men's basketball hosts Hawk Challenge

The Concordia Stingers and the Cape Breton Capers came to the Athletic Complex this past weekend to take part in Laurier's annual pre-season exhibition series, the Hawk Challenge.

The purple and gold split their games, losing 76-72 to the Stingers in their first game and then downing the Capers 115-86.

—Compiled by Justin Fauteux

Men's soccer survives battle



ELLI GARLIN PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Hawks come away with 2-2 draw after hard-fought match versus McMaster

KEVIN CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

Trevor Schein wrapped an ice pack around his knee and soldiered on to the dressing room.

And even with the Hawk's clipped talon, the defender could claim to be in better health than most of his soccer brethren, who barely escaped their tilt with the McMaster Marauders.

An amazing accomplishment considering Schein was the unwilling participant in the majority of the game's tumultuous spasms, as Alumni Field quickly transformed into a warzone during Sunday afternoon's 2-2 draw.

"It was expected," a battle-hardened Schein stated after the game. "Even the first time we played them, it was rough."

Schein was pushed, tripped, fallen on and even swatted at, during a tough day at the office for the second-year business major.

It started out innocently enough as these spats do.

"The guy that [pushed me]; I play with him during the summer, so we're good buddies," said Schein. "He apologized right away, I know he didn't mean anything by it, but still, it was dirty."

That "guy" would be Kyle Grootenboer, the friendly-faced yet menacing captain on the other side of the minefield who potted both his Marauders' tallies for the day.

"You take what you can get," said Grootenboer of his first strike off a midfield shocker that beat a stunned Hawks keeper, Martyn Hooker. "I just let 'er loose."

Schein's day was far from over, after his mate sent him for a tumble.

Marauders' midfielder Aaron Boothe took flight to attempt a header down the left wing, missed the ball and fell squarely on Schein, whose teammate had seen enough from McMaster's number nine.

The Marauders' pest that had

walked the line all game long had just stepped over it in the eyes of Laurier's first goal-getter Chris Walker (Ben Clifford had the other), with his reckless body slam onto Schein.

With that, the simmering volcano of tension between the teams finally erupted and together, Walker and Schein got into an escalated swiping match with Boothe and McMaster's Omar Nakeeb.

The spat produced nothing of serious consequence save for an all-too-late yellow card for Boothe, whose transgressions were just some of many missed calls in the eyes of Hawks' head coach Mario Halapir.

"The refereeing was absolutely shocking today," said the coach of the official's decision to keep his whistle at his side. "Guys could have gotten hurt."

"Today, he just lost control," said Schein of the referee. "He didn't hand out yellow cards at the

beginning when he should have... He waited too long and things got a bit out of hand."

Incoming fourth-year defender Matt Smith, coming off a knee injury that's kept him out of action the whole season, picked the wrong day to make his cautious return.

Smith had to tip-toe the battlefield in his limited minutes and could have been excused had he chosen to sit this skirmish out.

"He's a guy that our team misses more than anybody else. He loves the game, he's a competitor. I was happy he got his feet wet," said Halapir.

With just two games remaining until the playoffs, both McMaster and Laurier are neck and neck in the standings at third and fourth in the West division respectively.

Should the two teams clash in the playoffs, it may be wise to have a few extra ice packs handy in case the ride turns turbulent for the third and final time this season.